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"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

In belief that united and specific prayer works mightily in behalf of both the petitioner and the object of his prayer, this booklet has been prepared. We hope that the Brotherhood may become better acquainted with its missionaries and the work they are doing. We can be sure too, that it will prove a means of inspiration and strength to our workers to know that they are being remembered in the prayers of the Brotherhood.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

1. *Meet Your Missionaries* can be used in morning and evening watch by all who pray.

2. It should find a place with the Bible for family worship in the home.

3. Periodic or regular use at the mid-week service of the church will not only support the work of missions but will acquaint the churches with the activity of our workers.

4. *Meet Your Missionaries* can be a valuable resource whenever the church studies Brethren missions in India, Africa or Ecuador.

Part One: INDIA

Location: Western coast of India, north of Bombay

Area: Approximately 7,000 square miles

Population of the area: Approximately 2,000,000

Mission work began: 1894

Organized churches, 1953: 25

Membership, 1953: 9,285

Stations and surrounding territory:

Stations in Gujarati District: Bulsar, Jalalpor, Anklesvar, Umalla-Vali, Vyara

Stations in Marathi District: Dahanu, Vada, Ahwa, Palghar

Woodstock School, Landour, Mussoorie

Name: S. Olive Widdowson

Birthday: Sept. 22, 1881

Birthplace: Dixonville, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: November 1912 Missionary Visitor

Parents: E. B. and Susan Widdowson

Dates of sailing to India: November. 1912; June 1921; Sept. 1929; June 1937; Oct. 1946

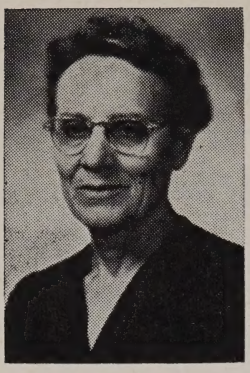
Locations on field: Jalalpor 1912, Anklesvar 1913-1918, Vali 1918-1919, Umalla 1921-1927, Anklesvar 1927-1930, Vyara 1931-1935 and 1936-1945, Khergam 1946-1947, Bulsar 1948-1953; Vyara 1953-1954

Schools and colleges: Juniata College; Biblical Seminary, N. Y. (Dr. White's); Hartford Seminary (Hartford, Conn.)

Olive Widdowson went to India in 1912. More than forty-two years have been spent on the field as she has served at no less than six of our mission stations: Jalalpor, Bulsar, Anklesvar, Vali, Umalla, Vyara. Some of these places have been her home for the third time.

Olive has taught in the schoolroom, has trained teachers, supervised class work, in both girls' and boys' schools, taught women and girls how to sew, has given medicine to the sick, been mother and nurse to babies in the Baby Home. She has spent many months touring in the villages, where all lines of mission work are carried out. She has had charge of station work, has taught Sunday school and Bible classes as well as conducting Sunday morning services. Olive raised one girl in her home as a daughter.

As Olive prepared to return to the States on her last furlough she declared that God had been very good to her permitting her to have this long period of service in India.



Name: Goldie E. Swartz

Birthday: July 29, 1886

Birthplace: Ashland, Ohio

Type of mission service: Evangelistic and educational

Country: India

Biography: October 1916 Missionary Visitor

Parents: B. F. and Sarah E. Swartz

Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1916; Sept. 1923; Aug. 1931; Oct. 1939; Jan. 1948

Locations on field: Dahanu, Palghar, Vada

Schools and colleges: Mount Morris College 1908-1910; Bethany Biblical Seminary 1912-1915; Manchester College 1915-1916; National Kindergarten College 1922-1923; Hartford School of Missions 1930-1931

Since 1916 when Goldie Swartz first arrived in India, she has lived and served at different times in all our Marathi stations: Dahanu, Palghar, Ahwa, and Vada. She has also helped out in emergencies elsewhere for short periods. She has directed station schools and hostels together with the Babies' Home, has assisted in the medical department and has taught Bible classes. Much of her service has been out in the smaller villages touring and living among backward and underprivileged peoples, endeavoring to acquaint them by word and deed with the Savior who "gives life and that more abundant."

It was a fitting climax to this her present field of service, when the little Christian group at Vada dedicated their new church building.

Goldie returned on her furlough in the spring of 1954, just in time for the Ocean Grove Conference, where she represented the Second District of India on Standing Committee.

Name: Ella Ebbert

Birthday: Oct. 27, 1885

Birthplace: Kingman, Kansas

Type of mission service: principal of rural boarding school

Country: India

Biography: January 1918 Missionary Visitor

Parents: William and Elizabeth Schuman Ebbert

Dates of sailing to India: Dec. 1917; Nov. 1925; Sept. 1935; March 1946

Locations on field: Dahanu, two terms of service 14 years; Ahwa, Dangs Dist., 8 years; Palghar, 10 years

Schools and colleges: McPherson College, B.A.; Bethany Biblical Seminary

In the winter of 1917, Ella Ebbert sailed for India. She was located in the Marathi area and her first home was Dahanu and her work was educational. She had charge of the Girls' School.

Through the thirty-seven years that Ella has served in India she has lived at Dahanu, Ahwa and Palghar. Her work continued to be in the school room with the girls of India and in training teachers for their task of teaching.

In 1952 when the school girls had the privilege of moving into the new school buildings at Palghar, it was a hope fulfilled for Ella.

The training in the school room and life in the hostel become for the girls in India influences which shape their entire lives. Ella gave much time and energy to the high principles of living which developed the girls into fine Christian women.

As Ella has returned to the States on her last furlough in 1954, she looks back on her years in India as years of unusual blessing.

Name: Lillian E. Grisso

Birthday: Feb. 16, 1889

Birthplace: Laketon, Indiana

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: January 1918 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Eli and Lydia Ohmart Grisso

Dates of sailing to India: Dec. 1917; Aug. 1925; Sept. 1935; Oct. 1944; April 1952

Locations on field: Bulsar 1918; Jalalpor 1919; Anklesvar 1920; Bulsar 1921-1922; Vyara 1922-1924; Anklesvar 1925-1932, 1935, 1937-1942; Vyara 1945-

Schools and colleges: Laketon High School; Manchester College; Cook County Hospital, Chicago; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Since the year 1917, when she went to India, Lillian Grisso has served at four of the stations in the Gujarat area and at three of the places she has worked two or more periods. She has lived at Bulsar, Jalalpor, Anklesvar and Vyara. Her work has been largely educational and evangelistic although she has also helped in medical work.

The greater part of her work has been in the schools. At Anklesvar and at Vyara she has had charge of both the school and the hostel. She has also taught in the elementary schools and in the Practical Arts Training. Dozens of girls have been in her classes and under her supervision. The full responsibility for the station program has been hers at times.

During her four furloughs the time has been filled as she attended Bethany Biblical Seminary, working on the publication of books, The Old World and Its Gifts and Heritage of Devotion, and serving the church in camp and deputation work.

The opportunity to help the women and girls to an intelligent and growing Christian life has always been a great challenge to Lillian Grisso. Many of these fine women are now in their own homes and serving the church faithfully.

Name: Chalmer G. Shull

Birthday: Aug. 6, 1892

Birthplace: Virden, Illinois

Type of mission service: Educational and evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: February 1920 Missionary Visitor

Parents: W. H. and Clara Shull

Dates of sailing to India: Jan. 1920; Jan. 1929; Nov. 1936; Nov. 1945; Nov. 1953

Locations on field: Ahwa 1923-1927; Vada 1929-1934; Palghar 1935 and 1937-1945; Ahwa 1946-

Schools and colleges: Mount Morris, B.A., 1917; Bethany, B.D., 1919; Northwestern, M.A.

Chalmer and Mary Shull were two of the twenty missionaries approved for India at the Winona Lake Conference of 1919. They first reached India on March 3, 1920. After the usual period of language study the Shulls were located at Ahwa, Dangs, where they were in charge of the boarding school until their first furlough in 1927.

The second term (1929-1935) was spent at Vada and Palghar. At Vada Bro. Shull was principal of the Marathi Bible School for a three year period and at Palghar he succeeded Bro. Alley in charge of both the educational and evangelistic work of that area. Grief came to the home near the close of this term of service when Mary was called to the life beyond.

The year of 1936 was the second furlough for Chalmer and on returning to the field he and Susan Stoner were married January 1, 1937. This term he continued in service at Palghar until 1944. A third furlough was spent with headquarters at North Manchester after which the Shulls returned for another term of service in the Dangs. During these years, 1946-1952, seventy-nine were added to the Ahwa church by baptism.

After the fourth furlough (May 30, 1952 to Nov. 18, 1953), the Shulls returned to assume responsibility for the administrative and evangelistic work in the Dahanu area.

Name: Susan Stoner Shull

Birthday: October 26, 1898

Birthplace: Centerview, Missouri

Type of mission service: Educational and evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: December 1927 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Leroy and Jennie Markey Stoner

Dates of sailing to India: Sept. 1927; Jan. 1935; Nov. 1945; Nov. 1953

Locations on field: Woodstock School, Landour, Mussoorie, 1928-1936; Palghar 1937-1945; Ahwa 1946-

Schools and colleges: Inglewood High School 1918; La Verne College, B.A., 1924; Bethany, B.D., 1927; University of Southern California, M.Th., 1935

Teacher at Woodstock School March 1928 to December 1936. Supervisor of Elementary Department and counsellor in Student Government and Girl Guides (Scouts). Member of the school board, community center, community hospital, and P. T. A. activities, particularly the annual Woodstock sale.

After marriage, Jan. 1, 1937 to Chalmer Shull, she was assigned educational and evangelistic work in the Palghar area. Helped with the handwork and the expressional side of religious education courses in the school. Promoted women's work, especially the sewing and knitting classes and the annual baby shows.

Returning from furlough worked from May 1946 to 1952 at Ahwa, Dangs. Found the work in the school, church, community, and district very challenging. Supervised kindergarten and first grade, helped supply pictures and visual aids for the religious education work in the school and junior Sunday school, assisting with plays for various occasions. As a lay-medical missionary found the work in the mission dispensary a definite avenue of service. Supervised the Bible women's adult literacy work among women.

At present, 1954, working in the Dahanu area. Counsellor for district and local women's work, promoter of women's evangelistic and adult literacy work.

Name: Harlan J. Brooks

Birthday: May 5, 1898

Birthplace: Clayton, Ohio

Type of mission service: Educational and evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: October 1924 Missionary Visitor

Parents: George and Emma Martin Brooks

Dates of sailing to India: November 1924; October 1935; October 1946; July 1954

Locations on field: Vyara, Jalalpor, 1935-1938; Vocational Training College, Anklesvar; Vyara.

Schools and colleges: Randolph Township High School, Englewood, Ohio; Manchester College, B.A.; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Northwestern University, M.A.; University of Southern California, M.Th.; University of Chicago

In the year 1924, near the close, Harlan and Ruth Brooks sailed to India for their first term of service. During this term came the study of the Gujarati language and the beginning of work connected with the Boys' School and tours into the villages around about Vyara. Educational and evangelistic work were the main lines of service.

Many days and weeks were lived in the tent as they traveled among the villages. Annual institutes were held for church leaders and in the program young people were receiving training.

Again after furlough, the Brooks family lived at Vyara and Jalalpor in their second term of service. At Vyara much touring was done among the villages. Frequently groups of people were baptized in their own home villages. Many communion services were held in the villages.

For a while after their second furlough, Harlan and Ruth lived at Anklesvar and assisted in the Vocational Training School, then later they returned to Vyara where educational and evangelistic work continued on as formerly.

Next came a third furlough and the Brookses have returned to India in the summer of 1954 expecting to live again at Vyara.

Name: Ruth Forney Brooks

Birthday: October 5, 1896

Birthplace: Palestine, Arkansas

Type of mission service: Missionary mother

Country: India

Biography: October 1924 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Daniel L. Forney and Anna Shull Forney

Dates of sailing to India: November 1924; October 1935; October 1946; July 1954

Locations on field: Vyara; Jalalpor 1935-1938; Vocational Training College, Anklesvar; Vyara

Schools and colleges: Reedley High School, California; La Verne College, B.A.; Bethany Biblical Seminary, B.D.; Manchester College, M.A.; Kindergarten and Elementary College, Chicago

Ruth Forney Brooks returned to India in the winter of 1924 as a missionary. She had lived in India with her parents as a small girl. It was much like returning home for her to come back to India. She was the first second generation missionary in the Church of the Brethren.

Most of the years since back in India, Ruth has given time to educational and evangelistic work and also to medical work and to gardening. The Brooks family has spent many months touring in the villages. A tent has been their home for months on end. When at the station, whether at Vyara, Jalalpor or Anklesvar, their home has been open to many friends, both Indian and missionary. Special attention has always been directed to women's groups helping them to learn better ways of living.

Ruth has written frequently for the church paper and in this way has shared her work and experiences with the home church for she has always felt that all were co-workers with her on the field.

In 1952, fifty-five years after her parents went to India, it was a great joy to Ruth to welcome her daughter and family, Betty Jeanne Brooks Campbell, to India.

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Name: Elsie N. Shickel

Birthday: June 29, 1891

Birthplace: Bedford County, Virginia

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: October 1921 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Joseph and Nancy Shickel

Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1921; Oct. 1930; Oct. 1938

Locations on field: Anklesvar, Bulsar

Schools and colleges: Harrisonburg Normal and Industrial School for Women; Daleville College; Bethany Bible School; Peabody

Elsie Shickel first came to India in November, 1921. Her first job was language study—at Bulsar until September, 1922, and then at Anklesvar. When Eliza Miller left for furlough in June, 1923, Elsie took charge of the Anklesvar Girls' School, with Miss Sadie Miller in charge of the hostel. In 1924 the School of Practical Arts was opened. Since there were no teachers trained for this type of work, it meant a good deal of teaching, as well as supervision and training teachers in service. Aside from one term of serve, 1938-1945, at Bulsar in the primary school and work with women and children, Anklesvar has meant home and work to Elsie through the years.

She has found much joy in watching these girls grow mentally, spiritually and physically, and then go out to find places of service in the church and community, and in building Christian homes. Anklesvar girls are among the mission's most capable workers and church women. Some girls have been disappointing, true. These have made Elsie seek prayerfully to learn how to help her girls to keep closer to their Lord in meeting temptations and avoiding pitfalls.

She has always been keenly interested in village and evangelistic work. Anklesvar girls in places of leadership over the field have given many worthwhile contacts in this work.

Name: Emma K. Ziegler

Birthday: July 7, 1895

Birthplace: Denton, Maryland

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Daniel C. and Katherine King Ziegler

Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1930; Sept. 1938; Jan. 1948

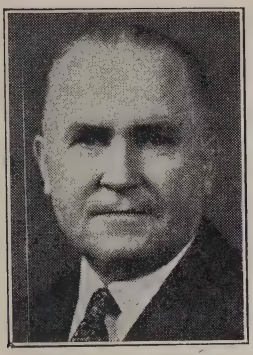
Locations on field: Woodstock School, Landour, Mussoorie; Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Elizabethtown Academy, Normal English course; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Manchester College

Emma K. Ziegler went to India in 1930. The routine language study was first attacked. Work in the girls' boarding school at Anklesvar, helping for nine months at the Bulsar hospital, teaching two years at Woodstock School, and doing village work for two winters, completed her first term of service.

When she returned to India in 1938, her assignment was to the girls' school at Anklesvar. After two years she transferred to Woodstock School, becoming permanent teacher there for the Church of the Brethren. Woodstock School is located 1000 miles north from the mission. Children of missionaries attend this school and the school provides a splendid opportunity to bring Christian teaching to children of many different homes, churches, and nationalities.

In May of 1953, she went to Nigeria, Africa, to teach in Hillcrest School for a year, but due to health reasons stayed only six months. As teacher in a school for missionaries' children, she contacts many Indian children and the children and parents of many other nationalities and so has the opportunity of making Jesus known to those who do not know him.



Name: Amsey F. Bollinger

Birthday: February 10, 1898

Birthplace: Shipshewana, Indiana

Type of mission service: Educational, vocational training

Country: India

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Daniel and Elizabeth Bollinger

Dates of sailing to India: Nov. 1930; Oct. 1939; Feb. 1949

Locations on field: Dahanu, Ahwa, Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Manchester College, Bethany Bible School, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Kennedy School of Missions

Amsey Bollinger was "transferred" by the General Mission Board from Greene County, Virginia, where he was in charge of the Industrial School, to India in 1930. He had never volunteered for foreign service, but accepted the call by the board as a call from God.

His first year in India was spent in language study at Dahanu and Mahableshwar. First assignment was in charge of the work in the Dangs among the Bhils. He spent six happy years there in educational and evangelistic work. He appreciated the simple jungle people and enjoyed joining them in hunting and around the village camp fires.

After first furlough he was loaned "temporarily" to Anklesvar. That was in 1939 and he has been there ever since.

Most of his work at Anklesvar has been in the Vocational Training College, as principal, and after a qualified Indian principal was found, as business manager and general helper. There are five churches in the Anklesvar area, hence there is always plenty of church work to be done. The emphasis in the college is upon agriculture and industrial arts.

During the past two years he has also organized and directed the Rural Service Center, a joint Christian organization of Gujarat for promoting all-round Rural Development. A spare time activity through the years has been planning necessary buildings and supervising their construction.

Name: Florence Moyer Bollinger

Birthday: December 16, 1896

Birthplace: Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Samuel C. and Emma Tyson Moyer

Dates of sailing to India: Nov. 1930; Oct. 1939; Feb. 1949

Locations on field: Dahanu, Ahwa, Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Elizabethtown College, Manchester College, Kennedy School of Missions, term at Bethany

Florence Bollinger considered her years of service in Greene County, Virginia an excellent preparation for transfer to India, when with husband and three children she arrived in India the last day of December 1930. The following year and a half were spent at Dahanu and Mahableshwar fitting into the home schedule, her own language study and helping in the teaching of the two younger children.

Later the family were moved to the jungle area of the Dangs. Here followed six happy years though the problems for a new missionary were many. Women's work, community children's interests, home visiting in friendship or helping the sick, filled the days.

When in the second term of service transfer was made to Anklesvar the problem of a new language loomed as an obstacle. As missionary wife and mother, serving the school and community through the medical dispensary, she found she could speak a language of the heart.

Returning after furlough in 1949, Anklesvar again became home. Near-famine conditions over several successive years in the Anklesvar area added much work in relief distribution. With her husband she watches the growth of the infant Rural Service Center, the devolution of the Vocational Training College into Indian hands, and upsurging nationalism in the land of India she has learned to love as a second homeland.

Name: Anna M. Warstler

Birthday: January 14, 1902

Birthplace: Goshen, Indiana

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: November 21, 1931, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Charles E. and Nancy Holtzinger Warstler

Dates of sailing to India: Sept. 1931; Oct. 1939; Aug. 1948

Locations on field: Anklesvar, Umalla

Schools and colleges: Goshen High School; Normal Training; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Manchester College; Goshen College

Anna Warstler went to India in the fall of 1931. Her first two terms of service up to 1946 were spent in the Anklesvar area. Her work was in the Anklesvar Girls' School, then came the assignment to direct religious education in the schools of the mission. Courses were reviewed and reshaped and annual institutes held. This field has presented a definite challenge through the years and at this time when primary education is being taken over by the government, the challenge is greater than ever. More emphasis needs to be placed on the church program, on Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Special Religious Education Week.

While living in the Rajpipla and Bulsar areas, she has worked with women's groups at Umalla and surrounding villages and at Jalalpor, Dulsad-Wankal, Bamanvel and Khergam. Also she has taught the Four Gospels and the Life of Christ and methods in religious education in the Bulsar Bible School. Some time has also been given to the work of the language school for new missionaries.

In her varied program of administration, teaching and touring, Anna feels the task to be a great one as she works hand in hand with national colleagues in the unfolding program for the church.

Name: Hazel E. Messer

Birthday: July 2, 1906

Birthplace: Grundy Center, Iowa

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: India

Biography: Nov. 21, 1931 Gospel Messenger

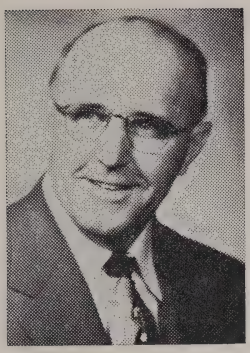
Parents: Charles F. and Jennie Marchant Messer

Dates of sailing to India: Sept. 1931; Oct. 1939; Aug. 1948

Location on field: Dahanu Road, Thana District

Schools and colleges: Mt. Morris Academy; Mt. Morris College, B.S.; Battle Creek Sanitarium, R.N.

Hazel Messer began her missionary service in 1931 when she went to India to serve in the Dahanu Mission Hospital as superintendent of nurses. There was a training school for nurses there and after one year in language study she began the task of teaching the nurses and preparing them for Christian service. In order to give the Indian nurses better training and qualifications it was necessary for her to go into a large Bombay hospital and take the prescribed course in midwifery followed by state examinations that enabled her to register in India. Through the years the standards for nurses have been raised and today mission hospitals top the list in sending out fine Christian nurses, well trained and capable of holding administrative positions. These nurses are always in demand and the director of a training school has a big responsibility in building and developing character.



Name: Earl M. Zigler

Birthday: January 12, 1903

Birthplace: Harrisonburg, Virginia

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: October 23, 1937 Gospel Messenger

Parents: David and Elizabeth Myers Zigler

Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1937; Feb. 1947; Sept. 1954

Locations on field: Vyara, Bulsar, Khergam-Jalalpor areas, Bombay, Khergam

Schools and colleges: Bridgewater College; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Kennedy School of Missions

Earl Zigler is a native of Virginia with education received at Bridgewater College, Bethany Biblical Seminary and the Kennedy School of Missions. He served as High School teacher and pastor and since 1937 as a missionary to India working in the Church of the Brethren area of Western India. For two and one half years was stationed at Vyara in Surat District. From 1940 to 1950 he was at Bulsar doing educational and evangelistic work and teaching in the Bible School except for an eighteen month furlough to America, 1945 to 1947. From 1950 to 1953 he served as secretary-treasurer of the Mission in India and as a co-manager of the Inter-Mission Business Office in Bombay. During 1953-1954 while home on furlough served as candidate secretary in the Foreign Mission Office at Elgin. His major work has been evangelism among the aboriginal tribes in Western India in the area where we now have six organized churches. In September 1954 he returned to India for his third term of work with a major concern for strengthening the faith and witness of the indigenous church and bringing about a better understanding between East and West.

Name: Rachel Myers Zigler

Birthday: July 20, 1905

Birthplace: Bridgewater, Virginia

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: October 23, 1937 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John C. and Ottie Showalter Myers

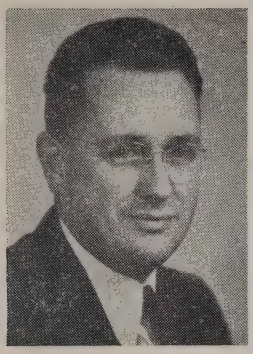
Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1937; Feb. 1947; Sept. 1954

Locations on field: Vyara, Bulsar, Khergam-Jalalpor areas, Bombay

Schools and colleges: Broadwater High School, Bridgewater College, Duke University; Kennedy School of Missions

Rachel, daughter of John C. Myers, was born in Virginia and educated at Bridgewater College, Duke University and the Kennedy School of Missions. Before going to India she served as Y.W.C.A. secretary and a teacher of religious education and for two years worked in the Youth Department of the Elgin Office. Since 1937 she has been with her husband in Western India living at Vyara (1937-1940), Bulsar (1940-1950) and Bombay (1950-1953) except for a furlough period of eighteen months in the U.S.A. (1945-1947). After a second furlough (1953-1954) she returned to India for their third term of service.

In India her work was closely associated with that of her husband in educational and evangelistic work. She has carried on work with women and girls in the local churches of the area, in the surrounding villages, and in the Bible School, teaching religion and home arts. She has also served as language counsellor for new missionaries studying the language. Both at Bulsar and Bombay a part of her duties was catering for missionary guests, going and coming, who needed lodging, and thus she came in contact with missionaries not only of our own church but also from many other countries of the world.



Name: Dr. Leonard E. Blickenstaff

Birthday: Nov. 11, 1913

Birthplace: La Verne, California

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: India

Biography: Feb. 3, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: L. A. and Mary Brubaker Blickenstaff

Dates of sailing to India: Jan. 1940; June 1949

Locations on field: Bulsar, 1940-1950, Dahanu Road, 1951

Schools and colleges: Woodstock, Mussoorie, India; Manchester College: Indiana University Medical School

Leonard Blickenstaff went to India as a missionary doctor in January 1940. He was returning to the land where he had lived for a number of years as a boy. His home was again at Bulsar and his work was in the hospital.

Around a medical compound, in the hospital, in the dispensary and in the lines of rooms where patients come and live during their time of treatment, are innumerable duties that must be performed, both day and night, and the burden of these tasks rests upon the shoulders of the doctor. He is responsible to everyone. This can be said of Dr. Leonard.

He has always had the concern to reach more people than those who come for help, by going out into the villages and by teaching the prevention of disease. Such instruction requires much patient teaching.

In 1951, the Blickenstaffs moved to Dahanu Road where he continues the responsible schedule of a doctor at the Dahanu Hospital. During the year 1953, no less than 18,468 total treatments were given at the Dahanu Hospital. This record shows that many people have confidence in the Christian doctor and nurses. Dr. Blickenstaff has always considered evangelism as an important part of the ministry of healing.

Name: Betty Rogers Blickenstaff

Birthday: Dec. 2, 1913

Birthplace: Converse, Indiana

Type of mission service: Medical (nurse)

Country: India

Biography: Feb. 3, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Charles W. and Iva Lorena Rees Rogers

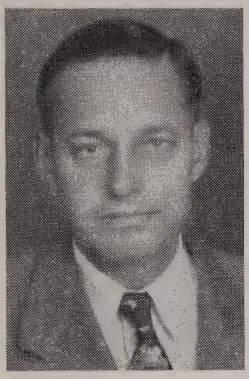
Dates of sailing to India: Jan. 1940; June 1949

Locations on field: Bulsar, Dahanu Road

Schools and colleges: Lynn High School, Indiana; Manchester College; Ball Memorial Training School for Nurses, Muncie, Ind.

Since early in 1940, Betty Blickenstaff has been serving as a nurse, along with her husband Dr. Leonard Blickenstaff. In her first term of work, their home was at Bulsar. Along with the multitude of details connected with the hospital and dispensary she had her home and children as major concerns. Serving in a large community where there are many boarding school children as well as the people of the church family and the crowds of those who come from the surrounding territory, requires the constant giving of one's strength in service. Mother and baby clinics add much to the general well-being of the people.

After furlough time in the States the Blickenstaffs again returned to Bulsar and lived there until 1951 when they went to Dahanu Road in the Marathi area. Here the medical program continued on with every day filled working in the clinic, relieving physical ills and administering relief to those who have insufficient food.



Name: Everett M. Fasnacht

Birthday: April 19, 1912

Birthplace: Conway Springs, Kansas

Type of mission service: Evangelism—educational work

Country: India

Biography: Oct. 5, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. Clyde and Viola Funk Fasnacht

Dates of sailing to India: Sept. 1940; Sept. 1951

Locations on field: Vyara, 1940 to April 1943; Umalla, 1943-1948; Umalla, 1951

Schools and colleges: Public schools of Wiley, Colorado; McPherson College; Colorado State College of Education

Since the late fall of 1940, Everett Fasnacht has been in India. The first home was at Vyara where he studied the Gujarati language. During this time, he helped in the Vyara Boys' hostel. Trips were also made to surrounding villages where he worked with the evangelistic groups. Later the family moved to Umalla and were in charge of the work at the station and surrounding country.

After furlough time in America, the Fasnacht family returned to India and again Umalla was their home. The school program and the evangelistic work throughout the villages were their responsibility. It is a large field. Five congregations comprising 1,244 members, lie in the Umalla area. These churches are served by four Indian elders, four evangelists, a large number of lay workers, as well as the missionary family. Open doors confront the churches with ever-expanding opportunities. Steps are being taken to give fuller ministry to those in the southeast part of the area known as the Sagbara and Dediapada counties.

Name: Joy Cullen Fasnacht

Birthday: April 11, 1915

Birthplace: Beatrice, Nebraska

Type of mission service: Evangelistic and dispensary

Country: India

Biography: Oct. 5, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mark E. and Virginia Skinner Cullen

Dates of sailing to India: September 1940; Sept. 1951

Locations on field: Vyara, 1940 to April, 1943; Umalla, 1943-1948; Umalla, 1951

Schools and colleges: La Verne College, McPherson College, Colorado State College of Education

Everett and Joy Fasnacht sailed for India in November 1940 and landed in Bombay. They proceeded to Bulsar where a mission conference was being held which gave them an early opportunity to meet all the other missionaries on the field.

The Fasnachts were located at Vyara to study Gujarati. They served a short time in the boys' hostel, visited in some of the villages and on passing the language examination, were assigned to Umalla and the work in Rajpipla area.

Furlough came in 1948 and on their return to the field in 1951 they were assigned to Umalla again, where they continue to live.

They have two sons, Paul and Dean, who attend the Woodstock school in Landour. During the months the boys are at school Joy has an opportunity to visit the women and homes in the many outlying villages. The women of the congregations continue their monthly meetings, in which problems of cleanliness, baby care, diet, religious nurture and family worship are taken up.

Name: Kathryn Kiracofe

Birthday: February 16, 1907

Birthplace: Gratis, Ohio

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: Oct. 23, 1937 Gospel Messenger

Parents: James U. and Vinnie Eby Kiracofe

Dates of sailing to India: Oct. 1937; Feb. 1946

Locations on field: Anklesvar, Vyara, Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Manchester College; Wilmington College, Ohio; Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Kennedy School of Missions.

Kathryn Kiracofe was in women's evangelistic work in the Vyara area all during her first term, and also during her second term, except for one year when she was principal of the primary school and girls' hostel at Vyara, and five months principal of the girls' school and hostel at Anklesvar. Now she is located at Anklesvar and is giving half time to women's evangelistic work and half time to adult education work. Visiting in the villages, teaching and helping the local women, is a definite part of her work.

Since 1940 Kathryn has given, along with her other work, time and effort in the adult education work throughout Gujarat. Her interests lie in deepening the spiritual life of the village Christians, raising the standard of women, and helping all, both Christians and non-Christians, to become literate and to be able to use the tool of literacy for their own improvement. The aim is a literate, Bible reading church.

Kathryn has been chairman for several years of the Gujarat Representative Christian Council Adult Education Committee, also literature secretary of the W. C. T. U.

Name: Laura Sewell

Birthday: Sept. 11, 1920

Birthplace: Spokane, Washington

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: April 10, 1948 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Charles H. and Alice Sewell

Dates of sailing to India: February 1948, September 1954

Location on field: Anklesvar, Broach Dist.

Schools and colleges: Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle, Washington; McPherson College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Laura Sewell took up her work in India at the Anklesvar Mission Girls' School. From that center she worked out in the district among the women. In co-operation with the village school masters and district evangelists evening services were held in the four or five villages around a central location. During the day classes in sewing, adult literacy, and sanitation-health were held for the children and women. Many of the morning hours were spent in house to house visitation. The women are invited to Anklesvar for institutes every year at which problems of village work and life are discussed. Outside speakers help to inspire them to greater service. Another part of Laura's work was in the Mission Girls' School. She was the manager of the school and hostel. Emphasis was laid on evangelism and religious education. The girls of the school accompanied by Laura and the teachers often go out to the villages to witness to their faith. Upon graduating the girls go out to establish Christian homes in the villages where they are bright and shining examples to their neighbors.

Name: Ernest M. Shull

Birthday: Sept. 8, 1915

Birthplace: Girard, Illinois

Type of mission service: Evangelistic and educational

Country: India

Biography: April 13, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: W. H. and Clara Gibson Shull

Dates of sailing to India: Feb. 1946; Aug. 1952

Locations on field: Palghar 1946-1947; Dahanu 1947-1951; Ahwa 1952

Schools and colleges: Manchester College, A.B.; Bethany Biblical Seminary, B.D.; Kennedy School of Missions, M.A.

Early in the spring of 1946, Ernest Shull and family left for India. They landed in Calcutta on the eastern side of India and crossed by train to Bombay, thus securing a good view of the country when the land was very hot.

While studying the Marathi language, the Shulls lived at Dahanu Road and at Palghar. The next spring Ernest Shull attended the Marathi District Meeting at Palghar and was moderator of the meeting. Early he found himself engaged in the program of the church and he was deeply concerned about the relations which the church bore to the disturbing movements in government. Ernest studied conditions and wrote several articles along the line of the Silent Influence of the Gospel in the Lives of Non-Christians, Freedom, Gandhi and the Christian Movement, and The Situation in India. Ernest had supervision of village schools throughout the area and he did much touring among the villages.

Then came their furlough in the States in 1951-1952 and when they returned to India they were located at Ahwa. The station and village work is challenging. Ernest has served on the Joint Council.

Name: Lois I. Netzley Shull

Birthday: June 15, 1917

Birthplace: Union City, Indiana

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: April 13, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Wm. E. and Lula Netzley

Dates of sailing to India: Feb. 1946; Aug. 1952

Locations on field: Palghar, Thana Dist., 1946-1947; Dahanu Road, Thana Dist., 1947-1951; Ahwa 1952

Schools and colleges: Manchester College, Bethany Seminary, Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford Seminary

Since 1946, Lois Netzley Shull has been in India. The Shull family sailed from Seattle to Calcutta, going by rail over to Bombay. They were located in the Marathi area and during the first years in India they lived at Dahanu and at Palghar.

During the time of language study, the Shulls were busy helping with work at the station and also out in the villages. Lois wrote frequently for the Gospel Messenger and her accounts were always filled with much information and they were very interesting. She also wrote script for the film, *The Shepherd of India* and the filmstrip, *A Chance to Live.*

After furlough time in America, the Shulls returned to India and Ahwa in the Dangs Forest became their home. In addition to all the duties in the school and church program Lois has again written script for a new film on India: *The Valley of the Sun.*

Lois does much to help and encourage the women of India to build Christian homes and live on higher levels.

Name: Dr. E. Lloyd Cunningham

Birthday: July 30, 1906

Birthplace: Smeltzer, Orange County, California

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: China; India

Biography: April 2, 1938 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. Ernest and Hazel Dabis Cunningham

Dates of sailing to China: February 1938, April 1947; to India, 1949, 1954

Locations on field: Peiping 1938-1939; Ping Ting 1939-1940; Baguio, Philippines, 1941-1945; Shanghai-Soochow, summer 1947; Tzechung 1947; Chengtu, spring 1949; India field, medical work, 1949-

Schools and colleges: Strathmore Union High School; La Verne College; Fresno State College; College of Medical Evangelists; Yale University; Bethany Hospital; Cook County Medical Center

In 1937 Dr. Lloyd Cunningham and family were appointed to go as missionaries to China. However, because of the China-Japanese incident their sailing was postponed almost a year. In spring of 1938 they found their first China home at Peking.

After a year of language study they moved to Ping Ting where Dr. Cunningham engaged in medical work. Conditions became so unsettled that it seemed better for the Chinese Christians for missionaries to leave. The Cunninghams went to the Philippine Islands to continue their Chinese study. Then came the three years of internment. Conditions were severe and life was hard.

In the spring of 1945 the Cunningham family returned to the States. After two years, they were again on their way to China where Dr. Cunningham worked in a Methodist hospital for two years.

In July 1949, the Cunninghams sailed for India where they had been called to serve. During the next four years, Dr. Cunningham worked in the Bulsar Hospital. Next came their furlough and they are again returned to India for medical service.

Name: Ellen Edmister Cunningham

Birthday: Jan. 22, 1907

Birthplace: Garrison, Iowa

Type of mission service: Doctor's wife

Country: China; India

Biography: April 2, 1938 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. Frank and Sadie Johnson Edmister

Dates of sailing to China: February 1938; April 1947; to India, 1949, 1954

Locations on field: Peiping 1938-1939; Ping Ting 1939-1940; Baguio, P. I. 1940-1945; Soochow 1947; Tzechung 1947-1949; India field, 1949-

Schools and colleges: Cedar Falls Normal School; La Verne College

Early in February, 1938, Ellen Edmister Cunningham sailed for China. The Cunningham family went directly to Peking for language study. Some over a year later they moved to Ping Ting. The following two years were filled with tensions because of the Japanese occupation and it was decided that the Cunninghams should leave China for the Philippine Islands and continue their study. Later in the winter of 1941, they with about five hundred Americans and British people were interned.

During the three years in concentration camp, Ellen taught in the camp school and helped in the hospital.

In the spring of 1945, the Cunningham family sailed for America. They studied the Chinese language and after two years returned to China. However, since work could not be carried on in Shansi, they went to Tzechung in West China where they served with the Methodists. Again after two years, they went to the coast at Hong Kong and on receiving the call to come to India, they came to Bulsar to help with the medical work.

After four years they came to the States on furlough and then returned to India in the fall of 1954.

Name: Olive V. Wise

Birthday: Nov. 2, 1919

Birthplace: Rockford, Illinois

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: India

Biography: June 19, 1948 Gospel Messenger

Parents: E. C. and Bertha Brunskill Wise

Dates of sailing to India: May 1948; 1953

Locations on field: Bulsar, Lucknow, Dahanu Road

Schools and colleges: Elizabethton High School, Tennessee; East Tennessee State College; Garfield Park Community Hospital, Chicago

Olive Wise sailed for India in May 1948. Olive landed in Bombay and went on north to Sat Tal and within a short time came to Anklesvar for language study. During these days she not only studied, but became acquainted with the school girls and with women in the villages where they went for evening services. She was not able to understand many words, but she knew that Christ was there with them.

Then Olive was located at Bulsar to do nurse's work in the hospital at that place. Her days and nights were filled with service, and in her ministrations to the physical needs of the people she found a large field of service to their spiritual needs as well.

The first term of service was over almost before she knew it and in May 1952, she returned to the States for her furlough. Visiting among churches and teaching in camps, attending college and serving as college nurse took up the time and by the late summer of 1953 she was on her way back to India.

Again on landing she went direct to Lucknow in North India. Here she worked in Nur Manzil Psychiatric Center for several months. In July 1954, Olive moved to Dahanu where she is working as nurse in the hospital. She realizes the great challenge of the work among the sick people of Dahanu and community.

Name: Mabel Claypool

Birthday: October 19, 1921

Birthplace: Kittanning, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: March 24, 1951 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Loyal and Florence Kimmel Claypool

Date of sailing to India: Feb. 1951

Location on field: Bulsar, Vyara

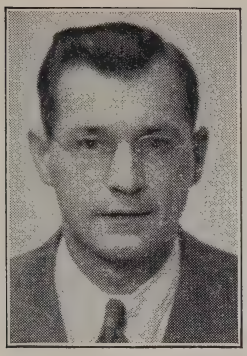
Schools and colleges: Kittanning High School, 1940; Clarion State Teacher's College, B.S., 1944; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

Mabel Claypool left for India in the early part of 1951. She had an interesting trip having had the privilege to talk with Helen Keller who was sailing to Africa.

Immediately after she arrived she enjoyed the District Meeting at Jalalpor and this was followed by many interesting events since this was the touring season. She accompanied Susan Shull to Landour where she began the study of Gujarati. The next fifteen months were spent in language study at Bulsar and in the fall of 1952, Mabel moved to Vyara where she is living at the present time.

She and her co-worker, Rahelbai, work with the women and children of the five church areas in Vyara district. During the winter and summer months they tour the villages and seek to help wherever possible, such as giving out medicine for minor ills, giving instruction in health education and telling the gospel story following the command of Jesus when he said, ". . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Mabel says that she enjoys her work more and more as she learns more about the people and their customs. She finds great satisfaction in identifying herself with the people, eating Indian food, wearing Indian dress and in many ways using Indian customs. Remember her and her co-worker in prayer that through their efforts at teaching His word many will accept Christ as their Savior.



Name: Andrew H. Holderreed

Birthday: December 21, 1914

Birthplace: Cushing, Oklahoma

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: China; India

Biography: March 15, 1947 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Louis and Margaret Detrick Holderreed

Date of sailing to China: February 1947; India, December 1950

Locations on field: Peiping, March 1947 to November 1947; Tzechung, Szechwan 1947-1949; Dahanu, India, Palghar

Schools and colleges: Union High School, Oakville, Washington; Linfield College 1939; Bethany Biblical Seminary 1942; College of Chinese Studies, Berkeley, California, and Peiping

Andrew H. Holderreed and family sailed for China in 1947, after having faced several delays. They studied Chinese language in California and later in Peiping, China. In the fall of 1947, they went to West China and worked at Tzechung in Szechwan in co-operation with the Methodist Mission. At the clinic at Neichiang assistance was given and work in the church and in the religious program of the girls' school.

In spring of 1949, due to unstable political situation in China, the Holderreeds returned to the States. In December 1950, they sailed for India.

At first they lived at Dahanu Road and were busy with language study. In June 1953, they moved to Palghar to take charge of the boys' and girls' hostels and the school operated there by the Joint Council. Several boys attending high school in the town of Palghar live in the hostel, other boys come from surrounding villages. The youth camp was attended by fifty-seven youth on a self-supporting basis. There are great opportunities to work with young people, to develop character and leaders and to make a Christian witness. Our prayer is that the live church may emerge in all its fullness, beauty and function before God.

Name: Louise Garber Holderreed

Birthday: February 3, 1917

Birthplace: Montezuma, Virginia

Type of mission service: Evangelistic (housewife)

Country: China; India

Biography: March 15, 1947 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Odes and Stella Skinner Garber

Date of sailing to China: February 1947; India, December 1950

Locations on field: Peiping 1947, Tzechung, Szechwan, 1947-1949; Dahanu, India, Palghar

Schools and colleges: High School, Broadwater, Virginia; Bethany Biblical Training School

Louise Holdereed went to China in 1947. Not long after arriving in Peiping where she and her family were studying the Chinese language, it was decided that the Church of the Brethren missionaries would go to West China and work together with the Methodist Mission. The Holderreeds went to Tzechung in the fall of 1947. Here was another language to be studied.

Here time was occupied with language study, home duties and the various forms of service in the church program and in the Christian schools.

In the spring of 1949, the Holderreeds sailed for the United States and were on furlough until near the end of 1950 when they sailed for India.

Another new language was to be studied. The Holderreeds lived first at Dahanu Road, but later moved to Palghar. Here they are in charge of the station work which means co-operative serving in the schools and in the church. Every day is filled with its opportunities and challenges.

Name: George E. Mason

Birthday: Feb. 16, 1916

Birthplace: Gardena, California

Type of mission service: Engineering

Country: China; India

Biography: July 19, 1947 Gospel Messenger

Parents: George H. and Evelyn Force Mason

Date of sailing to China: January 1947; to India, May 1951

Locations on field: Yenching University (Peiping) and Nanchang, Kiangsi; Bulsar and Anklesvar, India

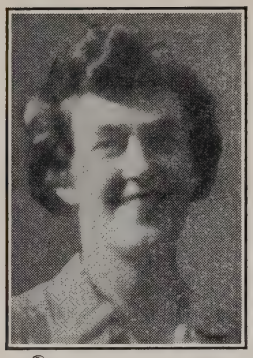
Schools and colleges: Gardena High School; University of California at Los Angeles; University of Washington

The early religious life of George Mason was centered in the Methodist Church. Family worship was conducted twice daily. During his high school and early college years George was greatly influenced toward Christian pacifism and Christian service.

The advent of the war precipitated George into C. P. S., and it was there that he became acquainted with many Brethren people. Influence toward the mission field came from four years' service with B. S. C. at Castañer, Puerto Rico, and particularly by contact with Dr. Daryl Parker. It was during C. P. S. days that George met Rae Hungerford. They were married in 1945. The Masons decided to go to China with the Brethren China Medical Unit. They sailed in January of 1947.

After language study, teaching a year at Yenching University and engaging in other activities in south and west China, their service in China was interrupted by the Communist ascendancy in China. Rae and their daughter, Anne, returned to America in January and George returned in June 1949.

July of 1951 found the Masons in India where they have been studying language, building buildings, helping on hospital technical problems, working on agricultural problems as related to tools and implements, and working on village and cottage industries for the Brethren mission area.



Name: Rae Hungerford Mason

Birthday: April 11, 1916

Birthplace: Pullman, Washington

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: China; India

Biography: July 19, 1947 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Robert I. and Mary Small Hungerford

Date of sailing to China: January 1947; to India, 1951

Locations on field: Yenching University, Peiping, China and Nanchang, Kiangsi, China; Bulsar, India, Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Willamette University and University of Washington (Seattle)

During her college days Rae Hungerford Mason spent much time and energy with the pacifist groups and there she met George Mason. George was sent to Puerto Rico, and after two years Rae was able to obtain work with the Brethren Service Center in Castañer, P. R., and soon she and George were married. At Castañer, Rae helped in the Recreation Center and managed several girls' clubs.

In January of 1947 the Masons went to China, where they spent two years in language study and teaching at the Yenching Christian University. Rae was particularly busy learning Chinese ways, taking care of their first child, Anne, and enjoying the friendship of the women on the campus. The Communist threat ended their brief career with the Chinese. In America again they had a baby son.

Mission work took them to India, where they arrived in July of 1951. Rae was busy after the first year preparing for the third baby, who was a girl. Now she is managing a house in Anklesvar at the Vocational Training College. Teaching seven-year-old Anne, helping five-year-old Ralph manage a horde of schoolboys who enjoy his imported toys, and keeping sight of one-year-old Margaret keep her busy. She and her children learn a great deal of language from contact with the schoolmasters' children. Rae enjoys the friendliness of the schoolmasters' wives, whom she finds an exceptional group.

Name: Dr. Paul Stayer Hoover

Birthday: September 11, 1916

Birthplace: Tyrone, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: India

Biography: December 8, 1951, Gospel Messenger

Parents: David P. and Ruth Stayer Hoover

Date of sailing: October 11, 1951

Location on field: Bulsar

Schools and colleges: High School, New Enterprise, Pa., 1933; Juniata, 1937; University of Pennsylvania, M.D. 1944

In the fall of 1951, Dr. Paul Hoover and family sailed for India. They were located at Bulsar where Dr. Paul H. works in the Bulsar Hospital. The work in the hospital continues to be quite heavy. Not a few patients come to the hospital sent by local Indian physicians for laboratory, X-ray studies and consultation. Also many employees from the sulfa and aureomycin plant a few miles from Bulsar come to the hospital for care. These are in addition to the patients who come from surrounding villages and from the Bulsar community.

Many would be the experiences which could be related of the daily stream of patients who come to the doctor for help. And the types of ailments are many and varied, such as common malaria, fever, burns, itch, ringworm, colds, tuberculosis, meningitis, brain abscesses, peptic ulcers and others too numerous to mention.

Along with physical ministrations, operations, and daily visits, the Christian doctor also ministers to the hearts and souls of his patients. Not infrequently will a patient ask for a copy of the scriptures. One Hindu young man asked for the scriptures as he said that the doctor never came into his room that he wasn't pleasant and didn't have an encouraging word to say.

Name: Mary Elizabeth Wentsler Hoover

Birthday: September 13, 1917

Birthplace: Ruffsdale, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: India

Biography: December 8, 1951, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. E. Guy Wentsler

Date of sailing: October 11, 1951

Location on field: Bulsar

Schools and colleges: East Huntingdon Township High School, Alverton, Pa.; Juniata College, A.B. 1939; University of Maine and University of Pittsburgh.

Since the fall of 1951, Bulsar, India, has been the home of Mary Elizabeth Hoover since Dr. Paul Hoover serves at the Bulsar Hospital. Being in medical work the Hoovers are kept busy caring for the patients who come for help.

In addition to the study of the Gujarati language and as mother in the home, Mary Elizabeth has had many details to look after which are not easily listed. There are trips to the villages to visit in the homes of people who have been at the hospital, and many contacts with those who need spiritual help as well as physical aid.

Concern for the growth of the church has always been a deep concern and in these days, knowing that testing times may be ahead for the church, the missionary prays earnestly for the deepening of the church's faith.

Name: Wendell P. Flory

Birthday: April 24, 1920

Birthplace: Ping Ting Chou, Shansi, China

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: China; India

Biography: March 2, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Byron M. and Nora Phillips Flory

Date of sailing to China: January 1946; to India November 1952

Locations on field: Shou Yang, Ping Ting, Shansi, and Peiping, Shanghai; Bulsar, India

Schools and colleges: Bridgewater College; Bethany Biblical Seminary; Yale University

Wendell Flory was born in China and from boyhood hoped to return. In the spring of 1946 he was one of the first Brethren missionaries to return to the field after the war. One year was spent in our Shansi mission field, serving as pastor of the Ping Ting church and helping in re-opening the mission work. When communism made it impossible to remain longer, he was transferred to Shanghai, where he served two years as mission treasurer and Director of Brethren Service work in China.

He returned to the States in March, 1949. From September 1949 to September 1952, he served as candidate secretary of the Foreign Mission Commission in Elgin.

He and his family were then re-assigned to the India field and sailed in November 1952. In India they are located in Bulsar. After finishing language study, Wendell is now in charge of educational and evangelistic work in the Bulsar-Jalalpor areas of the Church of the Brethren in India. In this area are three congregations, six evangelistic workers and about one thousand Christians. The challenge for service in youth work, Bible teaching, counselling, and evangelism is great. India needs Christ.

Name: Marie Mason Flory

Birthday: Feb. 18, 1922

Birthplace: Mineral, Virginia

Type of mission service: Evangelistic, housewife

Country: China; India

Biography: April 12, 1947 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Russell E. and Mary Zigler Mason

Date of sailing to China: February 1947; to India November 1952

Locations on field: Peiping; Shanghai; Bulsar, India

Schools and colleges: Bridgewater College, Yale University, Bethany Biblical Seminary

On February 14, 1947, Marie Flory started to China to join her husband, Wendell, and start her long looked for career as missionary. Immediately after Wendell and Marie were united in Peiping, communism captured the Brethren mission field in Shansi, thus they were assigned to work in Shanghai. Marie spent an enjoyable first four months as dormitory supervisor in the Shanghai American School, a boarding school for the children of missionaries.

The following year she spent running a hostel which served as home to many Brethren as they were coming to or leaving China. Due to the overtaking of China by the communists on December 31, 1948, Marie and her baby son preceded Wendell back to the States.

There she lived in Elgin three years while Wendell worked in the Foreign Mission Office. On November 24, 1952, the family, including two sons, left for India where they are located in Bulsar. After completing the first year of language study, and adding a daughter to the family, Marie hopes to be able soon to work more with the many women and children of the Christian community of Bulsar. She feels her challenge to be that of helping to build stronger Christian homes.

Name: Glen A. Campbell

Birthday: October 21, 1924

Birthplace: Near Colorado Springs, Colorado

Type of Mission Service: Agricultural, educational

Country: India

Biography: February 7, 1953, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Alfred H. and Lula Heaston Campbell

Date of Sailing: December 31, 1952

Locations on field: Bulsar, Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Saline City and Ashboro Elementary and High School; Manchester College; Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Glen Campbell, in early years, felt the call of God upon his life to dedicate himself to fulltime Christian service. This call matured into the response of doing agricultural mission work and village uplift work in India.

He and his family sailed for India from New York, December 30, 1952. After a year of successful language study he is now beginning work as an agricultural missionary.

It is Glen's deep conviction that in all areas of life man should live and serve God in an humble and God-centered manner. Good stewardship of the soil and of all natural resources is a part of God's plan.

Half starved physical bodies are not conducive to healthy and happy spiritual lives. Along with the knowledge of conservation, and improved diets for the Indian people, the message of Christ and eternal life is given. These go hand in hand as co-workers in showing the Indian people of the Anklesvar area the love of God.

Name: Betty Jeanne Brooks Campbell

Birthday: October 23, 1925

Birthplace: Bulsar, India

Type of mission service: Educational, missionary mother

Country: India

Biography: February 7, 1953, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Harlan J. and Ruth Forney Brooks

Date of sailing: December 31, 1952

Location on field: Bulsar, Anklesvar

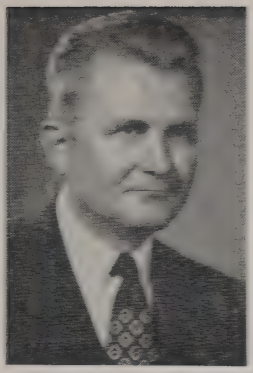
Schools and colleges: Elementary school at La Verne, Calif.; Woodstock School, Landour, India; Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India; La Verne College; Manchester College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Betty Campbell sailed to India December 1952. After several months of language study the Campbells are now living in Anklesvar, India. Her parents are Harlan and Ruth Brooks, missionaries to India, and her grandparents the Daniel L. Forneys, former missionaries to India. This makes her the first third generation missionary to India in our church.

Her first year back in India was filled primarily with language study and mothering her two lively children. She has found many opportunities to renew acquaintance with former Indian friends and to broaden that circle of friendship.

Betty Campbell is greatly interested in the spiritual lives of the Indian women and their families. She desires deeply that more and more of the women of India will respond to motherhood with Christian vision; that they and their children may have more adequate aids in Christian nurture available for their needs; that God's love may permeate their lives and their homes may become a light and a blessing to the community.

She also desires that the people of India, who in the past have been bound by the caste system, may take courage to reach for the joys and beauties of life which God has so fully intended for all.



Name: Kenneth E. McDowell

Birthday: June 21, 1915

Birthplace: Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Treasurer, India Mission; I.M.B.O.

Country: India

Biography: March 7, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Harvey R. and Mary Howard McDowell

Date of sailing: January 31, 1953

Location on field: Bombay, India

Schools and colleges: Juniata College, B.S. degree in Business Administration; Westminster Theological Seminary; Bethany Biblical Seminary

In missions as in every enterprise there is much that pertains to business and finance. The India Mission has over the years attempted to centralize its business activity in Bombay by participating in a co-operative effort known as the Inter-Mission Business Office.

There were at least two motives which prompted our co-operation in the Inter-Mission Business Office. First, it seemed to offer both efficiency and economy in the work of the treasurer of the mission. Secondly, and equally important, it provided an opportunity for serving the total Protestant Mission program in India.

God led Kenneth McDowell with his family to serve our Church and Christian Missions in India in the capacity of Mission Treasurer and Co-Manager of the Inter-Mission Business Office. Soon after their arrival in Bombay on February 28, 1953, he took over the work. In addition to the regular work which would normally come to one in a position like this, there have been innumerable opportunities to serve our own and other missionaries. On the whole, these extra opportunities result in the gratifying experiences and personal contacts which give them a real "lift" and a sense of belonging to that larger family, the Christian Church in India.

Name: Edythe Bowman McDowell

Birthday: April 5, 1918

Birthplace: Calloway, Virginia

Type of mission service: Homemaker, caterer in Hostel (Raj Mahal), educational

Country: India

Biography: March 7, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Cornelius and Ellen Bowman

Date of sailing: January 31, 1953

Location on field: Bombay, India

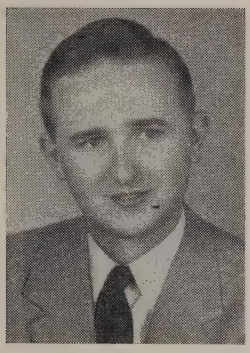
Schools and colleges: Elementary school in Hopewell and New Windsor, Maryland High School; Blue Ridge Junior College; Juniata College; Pennsylvania State College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

On January 31, 1953 the McDowell family sailed from New York, via London, England to Bombay, India. This was to be her home and new work for the next five years. As Edythe's duties unfolded before her it seemed that the most important task, aside from being wife and mother, was to make a happy home where missionaries, tired and weary from long journeys, might find comfort and rest, safe food and water.

In the year and a half of serving in this way there have been hundreds of missionaries from all over the world with whom they have shared their home. Unless one has traveled in a strange land one cannot fully realize how much such a service is needed and appreciated.

At least once each month, and more often when there is a wedding or communion service, their home is open to the Indian Christians of our church for worship. Having no church of their own they usually meet with other denominations but like to come together regularly in their own group as "Brethren."

The McDowells feel that perhaps the greatest witness they can make is that of a Christian home in an environment that is largely non-Christian. They ask that we pray for them that they may have strength and wisdom for their task.



Name: Dr. Joseph J. Schechter

Birthday: August 7, 1926

Birthplace: Battle Creek, Michigan

Type of mission service: Medical doctor

Country: India

Biography: December 18, 1954 Gospel Messenger

Parents: David P. and Olive M. Schechter

Date of sailing to India: September 16, 1954

Location on field: Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Marshall High School, Chicago; Manchester College; Northwestern University Medical School; Wesley Memorial Hospital; Milwaukee County Hospital

After years of preparation and looking forward to the time when one goes to the mission field, the day of sailing becomes a date of great significance. On September 16, 1954, Dr. Joseph Schechter and family left New York for Bombay after months and years of planning for medical work in India. Their first home is to be at Anklesvar, where language study will be the chief concern of each day. Later they will doubtless be located at a hospital where he will be assigned to the medical work of the station and surrounding territory.

Dr. Schechter will be glad for the prayers of the church that he may be given the daily physical strength which a doctor needs and that he may have wisdom to administer medical help always in the spirit of Christ.

Name: Virginia Bollinger Schechter

Birthday: December 7, 1925

Birthplace: Geer, Virginia

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: India

Biography: January 1, 1955 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Amsey and Florence Moyer Bollinger

Date of sailing to India: September 16, 1954

Location on field: Anklesvar

Schools and colleges: Woodstock School in India; Manchester College

For Virginia Bollinger Schechter her sailing for India is a returning home, since India was her home for several years as she grew up in the mission and attended school at Woodstock in the Himalaya Mountains. This time she goes as a missionary. She will be busy as a homemaker as she helps her doctor husband and cares for their two small sons.

Having lived in India, she knows the people and she has learned to understand and love them. She knows their needs and appreciates their aspirations, and will be among them as a companion and friend.

Virginia desires above all else that her service in India shall help to bring the people to Christ as their Savior and Lord. She wishes the church to pray daily for her and for the people she loves.

Name: Louise Miller Sayre

Birthday: August 20, 1927

Birthplace: Waynesboro, Virginia

Type of mission service: Nursing

Country: India

Biography: November 15, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. Earl and Nora Miller Sayre

Date of sailing: October 6, 1952

Locations on field: Anklesvar, Bulsar

Schools and colleges: Waynesboro public schools; Bridgewater College; Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Bible Training School at Bethany

Louise Sayre arrived in India on November 24, 1952. On reaching India she made her first home at Anklesvar, but shortly afterwards was moved to Bulsar. The usual first task of a missionary is language study. This was her work for the first year and was still part of her day's work in the second year. Completing the first year language study, she entered her missionary task of nursing in the Bulsar Hospital by January 1954. In India nursing seemed to her quite different than in America. Her nursing duties include all the activities from playing with the patients' children to giving out relief milk. At the dispensary each day among the forty to sixty patients are those of many of the religions of India. Through her daily contact with her patients and her own daily life Louise is able to witness for Christ. As she works with the members of the staff she tries to help them with their problems and to make their fellowship together a happy and friendly one.

Each afternoon she still continues to study the language in order to be able to converse with her friends, the staff and patients more readily.

Part Two: NIGERIA

Location: Northern Nigeria

Area: 6,000 square miles

Population of the area: Approximately 200,000

Mission work began, 1922

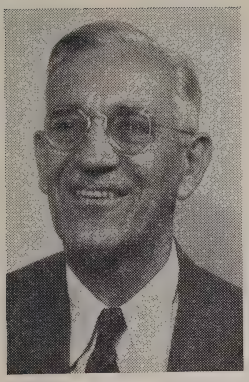
Organized churches 1953: 8

Membership 1953: 1564

Stations and surrounding territory: Garkida, Lassa, Marama, Chibuk, Wandali, Gulak, Shafa, Waka

Hillcrest School, Jos

Shafa and Waka are northwest of Garkida



Name: H. Stover Kulp

Birthday: September 29, 1894

Birthplace: East Coventry Township near Pottstown, Pa.

Type of mission service: Evangelistic, educational, language and mission secretary

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1922 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Aaron K. and Naomi Tyson Kulp

Dates of sailing to Africa: October 1922; January 1927; February 1932; March 1937; April 1943; June 1949; July 1954

Locations on field: Garkida, 1922-1925; Lassa, 1927-1946, except one year at Marama, 1937-1938; Garkida 1946-1953; Mubi, 1954

Schools and colleges: East Coventry High School; West Chester State Normal; Juniata, A.B., 1918; University of Pennsylvania, M.A., 1920; Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford Seminary, 1930-1931

H. Stover Kulp, who opened the Brethren work in Nigeria, worked out the basic grammars in the Bura and Margi languages. He has served as field secretary of the mission for many years. In addition to his administrative work, his efforts have been mainly in the school and the church fields.

As manager of mission schools he has had over-all administrative supervision of eighteen elementary schools with a present pupil enrollment of over 2,000. During the fifteen years in the Margi area, he has traveled much, preaching and teaching in the villages.

Active in inter-church and inter-mission activities, he was for two years chairman of the Mission Council of Northern Nigeria. In June 1953 he was elected to a two-year term as president of the Christian Council of Nigeria. He helped arrange a United Evangelistic campaign in about a dozen of the larger towns in Northern Nigeria in 1952-1953.

In the present term, he will open work at Mubi, a great commercial town. The work will be in the Hausa and Fulani languages.

Name: Clarence C. Heckman

Birthday: Nov. 8, 1897

Birthplace: Polo, Illinois

Type of mission service: Mission builder, administration

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1924 Missionary Visitor

Parents: John and Harriet Price Heckman

Dates of sailing to Africa: Nov. 1924; Sept. 1928; Oct. 1932; Nov. 1937; Jan. 1945; June 1950

Locations on field: Garkida 1925-1929; Marama 1930-1934; Lassa 1929; Garkida 1935-1941; Jos 1941-1947; Garkida 1947-1949; Waka Training Center 1950-1954

Schools and colleges: Polo High School; Mt. Morris College, B.A.; studied industrial work at Hampton Institute; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Clarence Heckman sailed for Nigeria, West Africa first in 1924, and since then has returned to the field five times. He has served as mission builder for almost thirty years. It is a heavy responsibility at most times but as the years pass by it becomes increasingly so. There have been other tasks that have come through the years that he has undertaken, such as acting field secretary in 1949, mission chairman for five years at different times, moderator for district conference twice, served on field committee about two thirds of time on field, working at church and district work most of the time since arrival. The last big building job has been the Waka Training Center and he leaves before it is finished to help in the expansion building at Hillcrest in Jos in 1954, before furlough and expects to return to this at furlough end.

Name: Lucile Gibson Heckman

Birthday: August 10, 1902

Birthplace: Girard, Illinois

Type of mission service: School and office

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1924 Missionary Visitor

Parents: George and Rebecca Harshbarger Gibson

Dates of sailing to Africa: Nov. 1924; Sept. 1928; Oct. 1932; Nov. 1937; Jan. 1945; June 1950

Locations on field: Garkida 1925-1929; Marama 1930-1934; Garkida 1935-1941; Jos 1941-1947; Garkida 1947-1949; Waka Training Center 1950-1954

Schools and colleges: Girard Township High School; Mt. Morris College, B.A.

Lucile Heckman has considered Nigeria, West Africa her home for thirty years. The Heckmans went to the field first in the fall of 1924. The years 1925-1929 were spent at Garkida learning the language and the people. From 1930-1934 she assisted in opening the new station at Marama. In 1935 they returned to Garkida, and until 1941, she was busy there with office work, village visitation, local church and school work, and considerable district work. In 1937 she organized a central bookkeeping system and became mission treasurer. 1941-1947 were spent at Hillcrest School, serving as house mother in addition to her work as treasurer. In 1948 they returned to Garkida, and in 1950 were posted to the new training center at Waka, and in 1954 back to Jos for a time. These years have been very full, serving all the while as treasurer, and devoting considerable time to the production of literature in the vernacular. On two different occasions she served as manager of the schools for a year or more.

Name: Sara C. Shisler

Birthday: Feb. 12, 1896

Birthplace: Vernfield, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1926 Missionary Visitor; December 30, 1939 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John B. and Hannah Cassel Shisler

Dates of sailing to Africa: November 1926; November 1929; December 1939; October 1945; July 1950

Locations on field: Garkida, Jos, Marama, Garkida

Schools and colleges: Elizabethtown College; Columbia University; Manchester College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Sara Shisler's work assignment throughout the years has been education and evangelism. She started a girls' school in Garkida in 1927 and it was her major assignment until ill health forced her to return to the States in November 1930.

The year 1940 was spent at Garkida in women's work and in teaching leadership training classes, both at Garkida and at the leprosarium.

From May 1941 to September 1944 she spent at Marama as missionary pastor of the church, the leader of women's work on the station, and the headmistress of the junior primary school. After her return from furlough in 1945 she taught in Hillcrest school, Jos, one term and since June 1946 has taught in central schools at Garkida. Although she has also taught other subjects, teaching Bible courses in central schools has been her main field. She feels it a great privilege to have a part in training teachers, pastors and evangelists.

Although her school program keeps her very busy she helps in the local church program by taking her turn preaching, helping to plan the church program, and more recently by preparing lesson notes for the Sunday school teachers.

Name: Clara B. Harper

Birthday: Sept. 15, 1895

Birthplace: Ashland, Ohio

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1925 Missionary Visitor

Parents: F. L. and Elizabeth Harper

Dates of sailing to Africa: September 1926; November 1929; October 1933; July 1938; October 1945; November 1950

Locations on field: Garkida, Marama, Shafa

Schools and colleges: Ashland College, Ohio; Manchester College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

In September 1926, Clara Harper started to Africa to work in Nigeria. Her work has been largely among the women and girls of the villages. She has spent a greater portion of time visiting in homes and teaching the people individually and in classes to know better ways of living in every way. Many weeks and months on end have been spent on tour.

Much attention is also given to the elementary schools in the villages, both to the children and to the adults who attend. Encouragement is given to the teachers of these groups. Frequently there are classes for the women and also classes for inquirers who are preparing for baptism, and Clara helps to supervise such work.

After many years in and around Marama, Clara has moved to Shafa. The general work of the station has been her concern. There is also dispensary work which requires much attention when as many as 150 patients come each day. She hopes to get out into the villages in that area as much as possible.

Clara desires earnest prayer for the girls and women who need much help and encouragement. Also for the deepening of the spiritual life of all the Christians that they may be a strong witness for the truth of God.

Name: Harold A. Royer

Birthday: December 3, 1902

Birthplace: Dallas Center, Iowa

Type of mission service: Agricultural, evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: A. A. and Bertha Wolgemuth Royer

Dates of sailing to Africa: November 1930; June 1935; March 1940; May 1946; November 1954

Locations on field: Garkida, Lassa

Schools and colleges: Dallas Center High School; Mt. Morris College; Iowa State College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

The Royers were assigned to the Garkida Leper Colony when they arrived in Nigeria late in 1930. Buildings were needed—a chapel, a residence and two hospital buildings were built as the colony increased from sixty to four-hundred in these three years.

At Lassa a residence and some hospital and school buildings were built. At Marama a new house was needed. Hillcrest School needed house parents one year. The Leper Colony asked him for a year or two again.

All this time "Red" was trying to do some experimenting in agriculture by testing out new varieties of seeds and helping to get orchards started at all the mission stations.

The fourth tour was spent at Lassa building school houses and starting to build the new hospital plant. There was opportunity for additional agricultural experiments and considerable progress was made in getting the Margis and Buras to take up better farm practices and the selection of better seeds. Nearly all of the people in our Mission area are farmers so theirs is a real need. Much remains to be done to raise their standard of living.

Name: Gladys Hawbaker Royer

Birthday: April 1, 1902

Birthplace: Minburn, Iowa

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Emmert C. and Annie Robins Hawbaker

Dates of sailing to Africa: November 1930; June 1935; March 1940; May 1946; November 1954

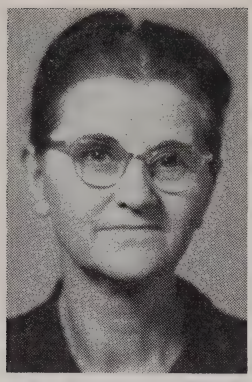
Locations on field: Garkida, Lassa

Schools and colleges: Dallas Center High School; Mt. Morris College; Iowa State College

In 1930 when the Royers first went to Nigeria they were assigned work at the Garkida Leprosarium. Gladys' work consisted of teaching in the schools and caring for the babies in a nursery so that they would not contract the disease from their parents. Work there was encouraging because the lepers went back to their homes to visit and told their relatives of the Christ that they had learned to love.

Most of her work after the first three years was done in the educational systems of the mission as principal of elementary schools and helping the teachers to become better trained.

The work with the women of the villages lay most heavily on her heart. Much of this work had to be done before and after school. But she believed that when you teach a man you teach one and when you teach a woman you teach a family. Much work needs to be done with the women in our churches. It is discouraging and heartbreaking to see educated young men marry pagan wives. Pray for the work among the women.



Name: Evelyn J. Horn

Birthday: January 18, 1900

Birthplace: Roseville, Ohio

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 1930 Missionary Visitor

Parents: Quinter E. and Lorena Hoover Horn

Dates of sailing to Africa: June 1930; May 1934; March 1940; August 1947

Locations on field: Garkida—August to November 1930, Lassa—November 1930 to September 1937, Garkida—June 1940 to January 1945, Lassa—January 1945 to November 1945, Marama —September 1947 to March 1949, Lassa—March 1949 to 1951

Schools and colleges: Manchester College; Illinois Training School; Chicago Lying-in Hospital

Evelyn Horn arrived at Garkida, Nigeria in August of 1930. She spent six weeks studying the Bura language and then began doing some hospital work along with her study. After three months she was transferred to Lassa station which is in another language area. However, she continued the Bura language study and after passing the required examinations began the study of the Margi language. In the early years she taught some in the school as well as doing medical work. In 1940 when Evelyn returned from her third furlough she was assigned to medical work at Garkida station. She had many orphaned babies brought to her as well as those from leprous mothers.

In January of 1947 on return from her fourth furlough she was assigned to medical work at Marama. There she needed to act as doctor as well as nurse because the closest doctor is at Garkida at least forty miles away. She taught the beginners Sunday school class and this class included all pre-school age children and some older.

In March of 1949 Evelyn was transferred to Lassa medical work again and worked there until her furlough in 1951.

Name: Grayce Brumbaugh

Birthday: February 28, 1911

Birthplace: Hartville, Ohio

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 11, 1937 Gospel Messenger

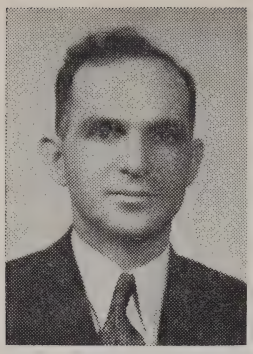
Parents: J. C. and Emma Kurtz Brumbaugh

Dates of sailing to Africa: November 1937; May 1946; July 1951

Locations on field: Lassa, Chibuk

Schools and colleges: Lake Township High School; La Verne and Manchester Colleges; Bethany Hospital, Chicago

Grayce Brumbaugh first arrived at Garkida early in 1938. After a few months she was assigned to medical work at Lassa—to supervise and work in the hospital and dispensary. Working in the dispensary gave her the opportunity to become acquainted with many women. When the women's work was started at Lassa she found herself helping, and realized it was an opportunity to help the women to be better mothers and home makers. Since then she has done some women's work along with medical work and has helped in the women's school and classes in some outvillages. In 1950 she taught in the teacher's training school at Garkida for one school term. She taught several classes and carried on a small dispensary for the students and their families. On return from furlough in 1951 she spent two months at Garkida in the women's school. In December 1951 she was assigned to medical work at Chibuk. The dispensary at Chibuk serves a large area, many patients coming from distant villages. Recently a leprosy treatment center has been opened at Chibuk providing another opportunity to help the people, and another way in which the medical work can be a witness for the Christian way of life.



Name: Ira S. Petre

Birthday: Sept. 6, 1910

Birthplace: Hagerstown, Maryland

Type of mission service: Evangelism

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 30, 1939 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Samuel H. and Clara Horst Petre

Dates of sailing to Africa: Dec. 1939; May 1946; Nov. 1950

Locations on field: Garkida 1940; Chibuk 1941-

Schools and colleges: Daleville Academy; Bridgewater College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Not long after arriving in Nigeria in the fall of 1939, Ira Petre and family moved to Chibuk. The work at Chibuk was new when he went there in 1940. It was especially necessary that he get out and learn to know the people and their villages and history, all of which is unwritten and must be gleaned from conversation with the people. It was necessary to spend much time with them in order to reach them with the message of salvation. This of course will always be true. Then winning them calls for much patience, reproving, rebuking and teaching. But one who experiences their entering in and growing in the way of the Lord, experiences a joy which transcends all joys.

The fourteen years of Ira's life on the African field have been spent at Chibuk. He has found himself doing many and varied tasks, but Ira's chief interest and concern is in the evangelistic field. His aim is to be out amongst the people visiting and counseling with them as much as possible. Two churches have been established in that area during this time. Many have been won to Christ. Ira feels that it has been a great joy and privilege to be one of those "sent" to do the work of the church. And through the years the interest of the home church in it all has been greatly felt.

During 1953-1954 Ira was called to Garkida to carry on the work of acting field secretary for a while. This work opened to him new opportunities and new lines of service. He is now back at Chibuk.

Name: Mary Guyton Petre

Birthday: July 4, 1917

Birthplace: Burkittsville, Maryland

Type of mission service: Evangelistic and medical

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: December 30, 1939 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Daniel S. and Sopha Magaha Guyton

Dates of sailing to Africa: December 1939; May 1946; November 1950

Locations on field: Garkida 1940, Chibuk 1941-

Schools and colleges: Middletown High School; Bethany Training School

Mary Petre for more than fourteen years has served in Nigeria and most of this time Chibuk has been her home. She believes that it is a great field of service to work among the women, and that this is especially true among the Chibuk women who have no Christian background or heritage. They step from paganism into Christianity. These women must be taught the things pertaining to the Christian way. In a land of disease and filth, they need to be taught things pertaining to health. In a land with such a high infant mortality rate they need to know of infant and child care. They are fascinated by many other things they can be taught with regards to homecrafts. It is an immense field. It has been one of Mary's main interests during her years at Chibuk to help the women.

The interests of their own family and home have had no small place in her life. This can be a great witness to a people who know nothing but polygamy and who have no happy "home life."

During the years she has found great joy in working side by side with her husband in any type of work—whether evangelistic, or office work, or whatever presented itself. During most of their years at Chibuk they have been the only staff workers there.

Name: Mary N. Dadisman

Birthday: May 29, 1913

Birthplace: Kenedy, Texas

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: November 1, 1941 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Lee and Minnie N. Dadisman

Dates of sailing to Africa: Oct. 1941; March 1947; May 1951

Locations on field: Jos, Garkida, Waka, Garkida

Schools and colleges: Bethany Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.

Mary N. Dadisman sailed to the mission field in Nigeria, West Africa the first time in October 1941. She started her service on the field at Garkida where she began her language study and some work at the Ruth Royer Kulp Memorial Hospital. After eight months at Garkida she was transferred to Jos to teach in the Hillcrest school which was just being started. She remained as teacher at Hillcrest until December of 1945. In January 1946 she returned to the U. S. for her first furlough returning again to the field in April 1947. She was again assigned to fill in at Hillcrest till the end of 1947 after which time she went to Garkida where she entered full time medical work at the hospital there. She found the medical work challenging and most satisfying. To see people become physically well is always a gratifying thing but in Africa it was found to be more so as the people were in such poor health and knew so little about the causes of diseases and nothing about how to prevent them other than to try to appeal to the spirits to be kind to them.

Her second term of service has found her in medical and educational work again having spent two years as superintendent of nurses at the hospital at Garkida and one year as acting principal of the new training center at Waka. Since Mary has worked in both the medical and educational fields, she finds it difficult to say which line is most in need of help. There is a crying need in both areas and hers is the constant prayer that more help may be given to both.

Name: Lena Wirth

Birthday: April 2, 1919

Birthplace: Empire, California

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: June 10, 1944 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John and Nina Heisel Wirth

Dates of sailing to Africa: May 1944; May 1948; April 1953

Locations on field: Garkida 1944-1947; Garkida Leper Colony 1948

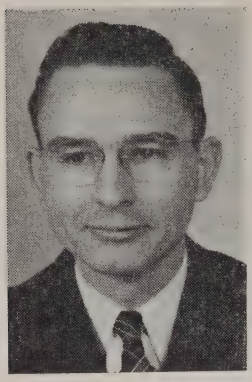
Schools and colleges: Oakdale High School 1937; Modesto Junior College 1939; Children's Hospital School of Nursing 1942; La Verne College 1944

During her first tour in Nigeria beginning 1944, Lena Wirth worked at the Ruth Royer Kulp Memorial Hospital at Garkida. At her work in the hospital she saw how much the people needed medical care. Besides the care of ward patients and clinic patients there was also the supervision of the care of the nursery babies.

In the second tour Lena worked at the Garkida Leprosy settlement located a couple of miles from Garkida station. This was a very interesting place to work. People of many tribes live in the settlement. The children attend church and school and work just as healthy children do. While receiving medicine for their disease they are given Christian training. The adult patients also have classes and they too attend church services. How pleased the missionaries are when their African friends make the decision to follow Christ.

Her work at the settlement was for the most part medical work in the clinic, at the treatment center at Pirkasa, and in the nursery for well babies which is now located at the settlement.

Now in her third tour she is again working at the hospital in Garkida. The work has grown a great deal in the days since her first tour. Pray that the many who seek physical healing at Garkida may also find spiritual healing for their souls.



Name: Elmer R. Baldwin

Birthday: April 2, 1916

Birthplace: Wenatchee, Washington

Type of mission service: General

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: September 23, 1944 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Jacob F. and Cora Baldwin

Dates of sailing to Africa: May 1944; May 1948; April 1953

Locations on field: Garkida 1944; Jos School 1945; Marama, Shafa, Garkida

Schools and colleges: Modesto, California, Junior College; McPherson College, A.B. 1939; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Elmer Baldwin came to the field in 1944 and after five months of language study in Garkida he went to Jos to act as temporary house father in the school and help with buying and forwarding of goods. After three and one half months there he went to enter the work at Marama. While at Marama a variety of work fell to his hands to do. He was not a builder but since building was needed he put his hands to that and during the years there he built six large buildings including three school buildings, a church and a family residence besides a number of smaller buildings. The church was of major interest seeking always to give the African leaders an increasingly large share of the responsibility. The school was also foremost since he believes that the school can be one of our most effective avenues of evangelization. After their return from their second furlough the Baldwins were assigned temporarily to the work at Shafa. There he spent considerable time in the villages and helping in the medical work at the small dressing station. Since moving to Garkida, Elmer's assignment is particularly in the field of building and headquarters work pertaining to such things as the buying of all building materials. Elmer believes that by trying to build a basis of Christian ideals which apply to men in their everyday work they may see that true Christianity must dominate every area of one's life.

Name: Ferne Strohm Baldwin

Birthday: Sept. 29, 1919

Birthplace: Redfield, Kansas

Type of mission service: General

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: September 23, 1944 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. A. and Mary Derrick Strohm

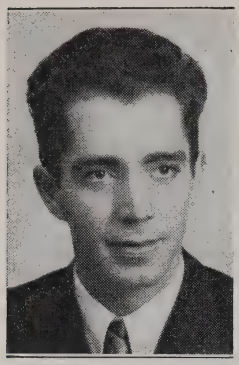
Dates of sailing to Africa: May 1944; May 1948; April 1953

Locations on field: Garkida 1944, Jos School 1945, Marama, Shafa, Garkida

Schools and colleges: Nebraska Wesleyan University

After five months of language study at Garkida, Ferne and Elmer Baldwin served as temporary house parents at the school in Jos for three and one half months. Then they moved to Marama to help in the work there. While there Ferne spent much of her time in the work of the junior primary school. Besides many hours of actual teaching she tried to give help and suggestions to the teachers and the children. She also served sixteen months as acting mission treasurer during the treasurer's furlough. When the Baldwins returned to the field in 1953, they went to Shafa to help there. Again her work was primarily in the school. Then in February 1954, she moved with her family to Garkida. She is now headmistress of the Garkida junior primary school doing some teaching along with supervision and helping the teachers and general care of the school. She has been chosen to act again as treasurer during the treasurer's furlough beginning in September 1954.

During the years Ferne has been particularly interested in language and literature work. In 1951 she revised and enlarged the Bura second reader and in 1953 she helped prepare a syllabus and teaching helps in Bura for the teachers in the junior primary schools. Three growing girls, all born in Garkida—Barbara, ten, Louise eight and Lois four—have a big share in keeping their mother occupied with sewing and other pleasant household tasks.



Name: John B. Grimley

Birthday: Aug. 23, 1915

Birthplace: Norristown, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic missionary

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: February 24, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Oliver and Sarah Bechtel Grimley

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; June 1949; April 1954

Locations on field: Lassa, 1945-1948; Gulak, 1949

Schools and colleges: Norristown High School, Juniata College, Bethany Biblical Seminary

John and Mildred Grimley with their first child, John Oliver, sailed for Africa first in 1945. However, due to war conditions the first part of the journey was by plane to Argentina and from there to Cape Town, South Africa. From there a train and stern wheel river boat took them on to the mouth of the Congo where another ship gave passage to Nigeria. The whole journey took eight months. This stands as the record for length of journey either to or from the field. They were traveling with the Eikenberry family during this eight month period and together they found opportunity to serve in a mission school during their long stay in Argentina.

Since then the Grimleys have sailed from the States to second and third tours in Africa in 1949 and 1954. Their service has been spent at Lassa to date, except for eight months spent at Gulak. The Lassa congregation numbers 433 members as of the end of 1953. There were 167 baptisms in 1953 and 274 other decisions for Christ. There are twenty-one outvillage church schools and forty-one preaching points. Thus it may be seen that when John took up the pastoral service in June 1954, there was a large fold to care for. Fortunately, the African assistant pastor, Eli Karbam, is able to help most effectively in this very large task.

Name: Mildred M. Hess Grimley

Birthday: Nov. 5, 1919

Birthplace: Westmont, New Jersey

Type of mission service: Wife and evangelistic missionary

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: February 24, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: George and Mildred Griffith Hess

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; June 1949; April 1954

Locations on field: Lassa, 1945-1948; Gulak, 1949

Schools and colleges: Collingswood High School, N. J.; Philadelphia School of the Bible; Juniata College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Mildred Grimley, as head mistress of the Lassa, Ngurthlavu, Bazza and Wamdi elementary schools, has a fast growing program of education as her primary mission responsibility. In a very few years Lassa school has grown from one to three hundred pupils. The facilities are very meager and the attendance will no doubt continue to increase. The community is just beginning to awaken to its responsibility toward the education of the young people. The school has been a primary evangelizing agency.

The special school for women which is in session for several months each year and which is under her oversight gives many opportunities for teaching Christian living. In addition to this educational service three children, Mildred May, Joane Fay, and John have taken some of her time. The two oldest children now spend most of their time at Hillcrest School in Jos. The doors for witnessing to the saving power of Jesus are wide open in our Margi-Higi-Kilba area. In the past five years a Christian village has grown up thirty miles from the mission station here at Lassa, made up of Kilba people. Recently an officially organized church was established there with the local leaders filling all the offices. Local men are doing the preaching and it is hoped that before too many years an ordained African minister may be available to serve.

Prayer is requested for the growing church in the Lassa area and also for all of Nigeria and greater Africa as well.

Name: Ruth E. Utz

Birthday: June 20, 1892

Birthplace: Madison County, Virginia

Type of mission service: Medical Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: January 5, 1931 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Robert O. and Hontas Utz

Dates of sailing to Africa: Nov. 1930; April 1934; March and Oct. 1941; Jan. 1949; April 1954
On the 1941 voyage, Ruth Utz was on the shelled ship, the *Zam Zam*

Locations on field: Garkida, Marama

Schools and colleges: Laotto High School, Indiana; Manchester College, B.A., 1923; Indiana University, R.N., 1931

In November 1930, Ruth Utz sailed to Nigeria for the first time, and since she has been home on furlough four times and has returned to the field four times, covering a period of twenty-four years of service as a nurse. When returning to Africa in 1941, during the war, Ruth was on the *Zam Zam,* which was shelled. She and the others were picked up by a prison vessel and then brought back to New York. Later that same year she again set sail for Nigeria.

Ruth's days are filled with the duties which a conscientious nurse must meet. Whether serving at the Garkida Hospital or at Marama Dispensary her daily schedule is crowded as she cares for the ill patients who come for help. The young men she trains as nurses and dispensers receive a good background. They have proved to be valuable workers wherever they have gone. Her love for the African people expresses itself in unusual devotion. A host of simple and lowly friends rise up to praise her. She is not interested only in the people as medical cases, but that they enter the church and become faithful Christians. Although her work is primarily medical, she is very evangelistic minded.

Name: Velva Jane Dick

Birthday: June 29, 1915

Birthplace: Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: February 16, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Dick

Dates of sailing to Africa: Dec. 1945; Jan. 1950

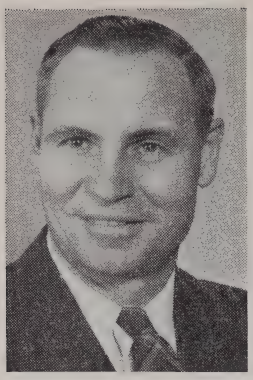
Locations on field: Garkida Hospital and Garkida Leper Colony

Schools and colleges: J. C. Blair Memorial School of Nursing, 1938; Ohio State University, 1945

In December of 1945 Velva Jane Dick first left the United States for Africa. She arrived in Garkida in January of 1946. Her first task was to learn the Bura language. Later she was given work in the Ruth Royer Kulp Memorial Hospital at Garkida.

Along with her hospital work she taught a Sunday school class and was chaplain in the hospital. She stayed in Garkida until April of 1946 when she moved to the Leprosarium two and one-half miles south of Garkida. Here she started a nursery for babies born in the Leprosarium. She also worked in the hospital. Her entire second tour was spent in the Garkida Leprosarium. In addition to working in the hospital she was head mistress of the school for two and one-half years. She also taught a Sunday school class and helped with a girls' club. She had a class for dispensers, teaching them some of the nursing techniques used in the hospital.

Her work is very interesting and most gratifying. Many people are being cured of their leprosy and learning of Jesus at the same time.



Name: Ivan L. Eikenberry

Birthday: Jan. 11, 1912

Birthplace: Darke County, Ohio

Type of mission service: Educational and evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 10, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: I. S. and Beulah Minnich Eikenberry

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; June 1949; May 1954

Location on field: Garkida, 1945-51; Waka Training Center, 1952

Schools and colleges: Fairview High High School, Dayton; Manchester College, A.B.; Wittenberg College, M.A.; Bonebrake Seminary 1 year

Ivan Eikenberry arrived in Nigeria in 1945 and began work through the schools and classes for religious instruction of the Church of the Brethren. Traveling among scattered villages and hearing other official village representatives who came on market days to beg for schools, he learned the great need and hunger for Christian education.

In 1947 he became principal of our church's teacher training school, to train Nigerians to teach, to preach, to be community leaders, and to witness of Christ. Young people are chosen from all over our mission area and they represent a church area containing numerous different tribes and languages. It is these people, trained, speaking their own languages to people whose customs, problems and temptations they feel, who can present Christ as a personal Savior.

Furloughing in 1948, the Eikenberrys returned in 1949 to continue educational training and supervising. In 1952 they moved to Waka Training Center, the new teacher training school of our church, to which they returned in 1954.

But in the tradition of Brethren free ministry, Ivan acts as itinerant preacher, pastor, and evangelistic supervisor over week ends and in out-of-school hours. For, to educate the people and leave them without Christ is worse than to leave them uneducated.

Name: Mary E. Flora Eikenberry

Birthday: June 13, 1915

Birthplace: New Windsor, Maryland

Type of mission service: Teacher and evangelistic service

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 10, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. C. and Elizabeth Garver Flora

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; June 1949; May 1954

Location on field: Garkida, 1945-51; Waka Training Center, 1952

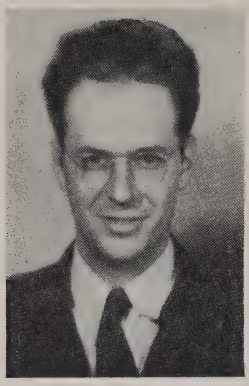
Schools and colleges: Wayne High School; Manchester College, B.S. in Education

Mary Flora Eikenberry has been on the Nigerian mission field since 1945. She spent the first tour and part of the second at Garkida mission station. In 1952 she and her husband moved to the new Waka Training Center and will return there in 1954, for their third term of work.

During her years in Africa a daughter and three sons have entered their home and they have given her many responsibilities as a mother. She has made her largest contribution to the mission program in the school room. She has taught part or full time each year since the training school reopened at Garkida. Working with these people has given her an opportunity to help prepare them for their teaching jobs and for the Christian leadership which they will carry in the villages.

She has worked with the women's school at different intervals and had for five years a very active large girls' club at Garkida. She says the girls' club has given her the most fun of any job.

As the principal's wife, she helps to meet and solve the physical, economic, health and emotional problems of the students and their families as well as to guide them in spiritual growth while they live at Waka.



Name: Dr. Roy E. Pfaltzgraff

Birthday: Sept. 13, 1917

Birthplace: York, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 17, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: G. Nevin and Mary Roth Pfaltzgraff

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; April 1949

Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: York and North York schools; Elizabethtown College, B.S.; Temple University Medical School, M.D.; Bethany Biblical Seminary

When the Pfaltzgraffs went to Africa in 1945 it was decided that they were to serve in Lassa in the hospital that Dr. Homer Burke had established. Roy was not long in Lassa before it became apparent that there was need to enlarge and improve the medical facilities, so plans were made for a new hospital. After he returned from furlough in 1949 the building of the new hospital went ahead at the same time that the ill were being taken care of in the Bashore Hospital. In 1952 the new hospital was opened affording the opportunity to give the best possible medical care to the Africans.

Recently, too, Roy opened a leprosy segregation village at Bizinda, ten miles from Lassa. As the people heard of the results with the new drug, dapsone, they responded to the invitation to come until over 850 patients had been admitted in less than two years. Before he left Lassa for the second furlough he had also opened a leprosy treatment center at Chibuk and building had begun for another center in the Higi tribal area. Just before returning home he was privileged to help with the baptism of seven leprosy patients and the first communion service held at Bizinda.

Name: Violet Hackman Pfaltzgraff

Birthday: July 7, 1919

Birthplace: Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Nurse and evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 17, 1945 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Willis B. and Emma Hackman

Dates of sailing to Africa: Jan. 1945; April 1949

Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: Rothsville High School; Elizabethtown College; Hahnemann School of Nursing; Bethany Training School

When the Pfaltzgraffs first arrived in Lassa in 1945, Violet was busy making a home for their little boys. After the first six months of language study she helped in women's school teaching hygiene and religious education. On Sunday she had the teen age girls in a Sunday school class. On returning for their second term, while the hospital work was still going on in the old buildings, Violet started to supervise in the wards and to have classes with the hospital attendants. This was done so that when the new buildings and equipment were ready the patients could benefit from improved nursing care as well.

After the new hospital buildings were opened Violet held classes each year for the attendants as well as classes in more advanced subjects for those who had been previously trained. Always there was a class in Bible included, for the Pfaltzgraffs felt that they wanted staff members who had more than technique alone. They wanted those who had Christian love and compassion for all those who came to the mission for medical care.

Name: Richard A. Burger

Birthday: July 26, 1920

Birthplace: Waterloo, Iowa

Type of mission service: Evangelistic and agricultural

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 30, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John and Rosetta Burger

Dates of sailing to Africa: Dec. 1945; May 1949

Locations on field: Garkida, 1946; Wandali, 1947

Schools and colleges: Udell High School; McPherson College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

The Richard Burgers went to Nigeria, West Africa first in 1945 and lived at Garkida until they were located at Wandali, which was then a very new station. In fact, they were pioneer missionaries to this station, the farthest west in our mission area, as they went there when Herman and Hazel Landis were assigned to other work. Everything was new and at its beginning—the school, the dispensary work and the idea of a church. They lived among the people and won their confidence and love.

The work grew and then the Burgers came home on their first furlough. When they returned to Africa they were located at another brand new place, called Shafa. Again the Burgers were pioneer missionaries in a new station.

Here at Shafa the Burgers began from the ground up and again they won the confidence and friendship of the people. Homes and a school were built and farming was started and better and stronger cattle were raised, chickens were raised, and rules of health and sanitation were taught and observed wherever possible. Changes were evident everywhere. In place of huge rocks was the garden spot, a baby orchard. A water system had been established.

They came from the field in November 1952 with their two sons, John and Richard. They hope to return to Nigeria in 1955.

Name: Ann Witmore Burger

Birthday: October 22, 1924

Birthplace: Rich Hill, Missouri

Type of mission service: Homemaker and evangelistic missionary

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: March 30, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Merle and Nora Beshore Witmore

Dates of sailing to Africa: Dec. 1945; May 1949

Locations on field: Garkida, 1946; Wandali, 1947

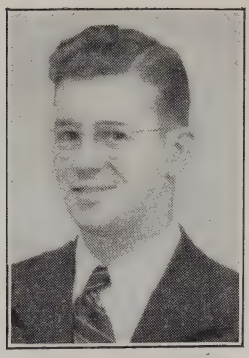
Schools and colleges: Butler High School, Missouri; McPherson College; University of Chicago

Ann Witmore Burger and husband went to Nigeria, West Africa in 1945. Their first home was at Garkida where they were busy in language study and where they began their work.

In 1947, the Burgers moved to Wandali which was a new station to the north and west from Garkida. Mission work had been started at Wandali a year or so before. It was known as a one family station. Along with her husband, Ann was busy becoming acquainted with the people of the territory, making evangelistic tours, visiting in homes, and doing dispensary work. Ann also taught women's classes.

Then came their first furlough to the States and their return to Nigeria in 1949. They were located at a new station named Shafa. Their first work was to make friends with the people and to build up confidence. Buildings were built and Shafa became their home. Ann's own home was a sample of the better living they wished to share with the people. She showed the mothers how to care for their children, how to obey rules of health and how to have cleaner and better homes. The school was started and grew and the people began to become Christians and enter the church.

Another furlough came and the Burgers had an extended time because of Ann's ill health. They expect to return to Nigeria in the spring of 1955.



Name: James B. Bowman

Birthday: August 31, 1916

Birthplace: Hagerstown, Indiana

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: April 20, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Clinton and Vinna Brubaker Bowman

Dates of sailing to Africa: March 1946; July 1950

Locations on field: Lassa, Gulak

Schools and colleges: Union High School, Redondo, California; La Verne College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

James Bowman and family arrived at their destination, Garkida, on April 10, 1946.

A year and a half were spent in work at Garkida. Language study came first and then increasing amounts of auto repair along with more responsibility for English classes in the school and some experience in the church and outvillage program.

The Bowmans were asked to open the first new station at Gulak, of the expansion program which was started while the home deputation was on the field in March of 1947. They willingly agreed and began studying the Margi language.

When October came, they moved to Lassa to continue Margi, and to begin work at Gulak as soon as permission was received on December 24, 1947. Buildings were erected and the Bowmans moved into the schoolhouse, as temporary residence on May 6, 1948. Then the time was filled with efforts to build up church, school, outvillage work and dispensary.

Furlough was from July 1949 to August 1950. They returned to work at Gulak in the above fields, plus the building of a permanent residence.

Later the Bowmans moved to Lassa to work on the translation of the New Testament and other materials into Margi. Pray for divine guidance in this important task.

Name: Merle Allen Bowman

Birthday: December 17, 1915

Birthplace: Dumont, Iowa

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: April 20, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Harvey W. and Mary Moore Allen

Dates of sailing to Africa: March 1946; July 1950

Locations on field: Lassa, Gulak

Schools and colleges: High School, Bonita, California; Modesto Junior College; La Verne College; Bethany Training School

Merle Bowman began her missionary service in March 1946, when she and her husband and two children (Ivan and Esther) flew from New York to Lagos. The first year was spent at Garkida in Bura language study. The third child, James Russell, was born that year. Merle taught art and English for a short time in Garkida primary school. She helped with the girls' club for several months, and also began language study.

In October 1947 the Bowmans moved to Lassa to continue Margi while the first class of religious instruction was organized and begun at Gulak. They moved to Gulak early in May 1948, and for the remaining year Merle worked hard to interest the villagers and their children in the new school. Much time was spent in visiting the women in the surrounding homes; and in trying to persuade the elders of the advantages of school and the blessings derived from hearing and believing on the Word of God.

When the second term of service began in Gulak, plans were made for expanding the work in school, dispensary and outvillages. During the ensuing three years the enrollment has doubled at school and the medical and outvillage work has grown steadily. Pray that the Spirit's power may be manifest here, as elsewhere, in winning men to Christ.

In June 1954 the Bowmans moved to Lassa. Together with her husband, Merle works on the translation of the Margi New Testament.

Name: Clara Myer

Birthday: June 26, 1909

Birthplace: Leola, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Teacher

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: June 22, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: The late Oliver and Addie A. Myer

Dates of sailing to Africa: April 1946; July 1950

Locations on field: Hillcrest School, Jos, May 1946 to June 1948; Garkida, July 1948 to 1950; Chibuk, 1951

Schools and colleges: Upper Leacock High School, Millersville State Teacher's College, Elizabethtown College, University of Chicago, Central Y.M.C.A. College in Chicago, Bethany Biblical Seminary

Clara Myer began her first term in Nigeria in 1946. Her work has been in the field of education. Her first assignment was to Hillcrest School in Jos where she served for two years teaching the children of missionaries, business men, and others. She felt that this was both a great opportunity and responsibility. A number of the pupils were from non-Christian homes. There were several whose parents are Moslem.

After the two years at Hillcrest, she moved to Garkida where she taught in the senior primary school for one year before going home on furlough. After her furlough she taught another year at Garkida.

In 1951 she moved to Chibuk. The pastor's class was begun at Chibuk at that time and she was needed there to direct the work of the junior primary school.

She found the work at Jos, Garkida, and Chibuk very different in many ways and yet essentially the same, realizing that the most important objective in teaching is to help young lives to know the true God and His Son who came to save all people regardless of tribe, race, or nationality.

Name: Veda C. Liskey

Birthday: Feb. 26, 1916

Birthplace: Harrisonburg, Virginia

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: September 11, 1948 Gospel Messenger

Parents: George R. and Lulu Long Liskey

Dates of sailing to field: July 1948; July 1952

Locations on field: Garkida, Marama

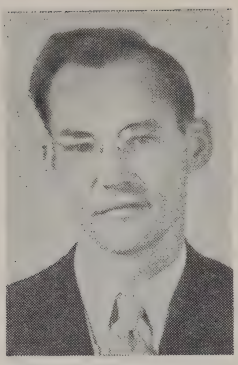
Schools and colleges: High School, Dayton, Virginia; Madison College, Virginia; Ashland College, Ohio; Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Veda Liskey has been engaged in nursing work at the Garkida hospital in Nigeria. She is a member of the Brethren Church, who have been working in co-operation with the Church of the Brethren on the Nigerian field. Veda sailed for Africa the first time in 1948, coming back to the States on furlough in 1952. She returned to Africa July 1952 and came home January 1954, somewhat early due to illness. She has greatly improved and expects to return to her nursing duties in Africa in the near future.

At Garkida, Veda had full charge of the nursing duties at the hospital. A beaten path leads to her door, even to the door of her house for many are the women and children and men of near by tribes who come for medical care.

Outside of the hospital duties, Veda has always given time to church activities. She has enjoyed being on the music committee along with two Africans and another missionary. She has taken her turn in directing the congregational singing. Also there has been joy in attending the prayer meeting services. In addition to bookkeeping duties at the hospital, she has also been church treasurer at Garkida.

After her return from furlough, Veda lived at the Marama station and for a while was principal of the school where approximately two hundred children attend, taught by seven African teachers. She took charge of the dispensary at Marama and was active as the nurse until she came home in January 1954.



Name: Herbert D. Michael

Birthday: August 28, 1916

Birthplace: Juniata, Nebraska

Type of mission service: Educational, mechanical

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: May 22, 1948 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Howard D. and Elsie Aschenbrenner Michael

Dates of sailing to Africa: March 1948; July 1952

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: High School, Olympia, Washington; McPherson College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Herbert Michael returned for his second term in Garkida as a technical missionary after training as an electrical engineer.

With the increase of mechanical aids to the mission program, it became necessary to place a person in full time mechanical work to free others for other phases of the mission program. A new shop building centralizing the mechanical work has given him an opportunity to render an effective service. Whatever the type of work, there is always a chance to speak a personal word to a helper or in other ways to integrate one particular phase of work into the whole mission program. If the cars of the mission "go forth shod with the gospel of peace" we can more effectively reach the areas where people still sit in darkness. To that end, Herbert Michael has dedicated his life on the Africa field.

Name: Marianne Krueger Michael

Birthday: Sept. 14, 1917

Birthplace: Bagley, Iowa

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: May 22, 1948 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Charles and Helen McLellan Krueger

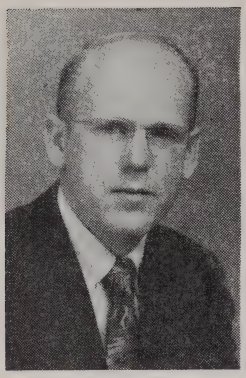
Dates of sailing to Africa: March 1948; July 1952

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: High School, Bagley, Iowa; McPherson College and Bethany Biblical Seminary

Marianne Krueger Michael came to the field with a background of high school teaching which has served her well as she entered into the work of the mission in the area of women's and girls' work. Stationed for two terms at Garkida, the Michaels have had opportunity to become acquainted with the village people in a way that temporary residence can never do.

The needs of women in a simple culture are so overwhelmingly great that progress comes slowly. But through women's meetings in connection with the church, girls' club and Sunday school classes, the Christian way is emerging through the shadows in a very real way. Pray without ceasing that the Bura benediction "May the Lord sweep clean the path before you" may apply in truth to the word of God as it is carried to these children of His.



Name: J. C. Wine

Birthday: Sept. 11, 1914

Birthplace: Meridian, Mississippi

Type of mission service: House parent at Hillcrest Boarding School

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: May 14, 1949 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Jacob C. and Mary Ellen Thornton Wine (Foster parents: Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Culler)

Dates of sailing to Africa: Feb. 1949; Nov. 1952

Location on field: Hillcrest School, Jos

Schools and colleges: Murphy High School, Mobile, Ala.; Bridgewater College; East Tennessee State, granted B.S. degree; work on Master of Education degree; George Peabody College; Bethany Biblical Seminary, 2½ years, B.S.L. degree

By plane J. C. Wine and wife left on February 18, 1949 for Africa. They were soon at Jos, Nigeria and located at the Hillcrest School.

J. C. was assigned to serve as house parent at the Hillcrest School where the children of missionaries attend school and also children from other missions and from homes where the parents are in Africa on various lines of business from different countries.

Many and varied are the duties which fall to the work of a house parent where there may be as many as fifty boarders, or more in the school, plus the day pupils in attendance.

After being on furlough and again returning to the field in the late fall of 1952, the Wines were again at home at Hillcrest School, where the children of different nations make the home an ideal place to develop friendship, understanding and respect. The Wines desire that the school shall be a home of high ideals and Christian principles for the children who are away from their own homes.

Name: Emma Jean Weaver Wine

Birthday: July 20, 1920

Birthplace: East Petersburg, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: House parent at Boarding School

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: May 14, 1949 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Elam and Fannie Gibble Weaver

Dates of sailing to Africa: Feb. 1949; Nov. 1952

Location on field: Hillcrest School, Jos

Schools and colleges: East Hempfield High School; work at Bethany Training School (2 quarters); 1 year at George Peabody College

Emma Jean Wine and husband went to Jos, Nigeria early in 1949. They were located at the Hillcrest School at Jos which is some two hundred miles west of the mission area. Along with her husband, Emma Jean has the duty and the privilege of being house parent at the Hillcrest School.

Her days are filled with innumerable tasks which the mother in such a home always finds to do, in providing physical comforts and a Christian, homelike atmosphere for the children.

The school home is a place where there is constant action and much going and coming. There are meals to be prepared, rooms to be kept clean, clothes to be washed, hospital care to be given at times and in fact all the same duties which fill our own homes. The house parents are responsible for all of these things.

Name: Wilma Schrag

Birthday: January 11, 1909

Birthplace: Archbold, Ohio

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: December 23, 1950 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrag

Dates of sailing: June 23, 1950; June 1954

Location on field: Jos, Nigeria

Schools and colleges: Public school, Pioneer, Ohio; Bowling Green College; Manchester; University of Colorado; seminary work at Bethany Biblical Seminary.

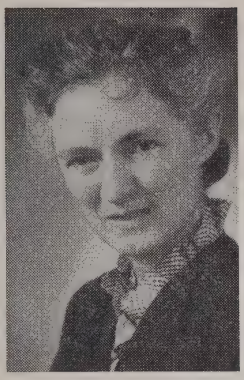
Wilma Schrag went to Nigeria, West Africa in 1950. She went to teach in the Hillcrest School at Jos among the children of our missionaries.

Wilma had been in South America under Brethren Service for two years teaching in Quito, Ecuador. Then she was in Chicago awhile before going on to Nigeria. While in Chicago she taught a class in week-day religious education in the First Church of the Brethren.

At Hillcrest School she has taught in the lower grades. She has deep and sincere interest in the little children.

She feels that no one should teach in a primary room without reaching a feeling of compensation and gratification at the close of the term, not so much that one has attained or taught all one desired to teach, but because some small tasks have been done diligently and faithfully by all. She feels that no teaching is more rewarding than that in the primary grades.

Wilma has always been deeply interested in the spiritual growth of the children. Wilma returned to the States on furlough in the spring of 1953 and visited among the churches. In June 1954, she returned to Jos where she continues teaching at Hillcrest School.



Name: Hazel M. Rothrock

Birthday: June 16, 1904

Birthplace: Weiser, Idaho

Type of mission service: Evangelism

Country: China; Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: August 27, 1938 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Horace and Alice Stiverson Rothrock

Dates of sailing to China: Aug. 1938; Dec. 1946; to Africa, July 1951

Locations on field: Peking; Show Yang; Paoting Fu; Tzechung, W. China; interned in Peiping, 1942-1943; 1951 Jos, Garkida, Nigeria, W. Africa

Schools and colleges: La Verne College, Bethany Biblical Seminary

Hazel Rothrock has worked in China and in Africa. Because of the political situation in North China in the late 30's, she remained on our mission field proper only one and one half years; but she was one of three Brethren missionaries who chose to stay in Peking at the time of general evacuation in 1941. From Pearl Harbor Day these three were in Japanese custody until, after some months in the concentration camp at Wihsien, Shantung, they were repatriated. In December of 1946, Hazel was one of our Brethren party of eleven who, with about five hundred other missionaries, returned to Shanghai on a converted troop ship. For two years she worked in Peking among Brethren students and in home and hospital visitation. Because of the rapid communist advance our main mission staff moved to West China and here she spent eight months before returning home in August of 1949.

In 1951 she was invited to Hillcrest School at Jos, Nigeria, West Africa, where she helped a year in teaching and in houseparent work. After being assigned to the mission headquarters office at Garkida her work has consisted chiefly of secretarial duties, supervision of mail and of school supplies, and teaching English in the senior primary school.

In July 1954 Hazel returned to the States on furlough.

Name: Charles Wesley Lunkley

Birthday: July 2, 1918

Birthplace: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 28, 1950 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John and Olive Lunkley

Dates of sailing: September 29, 1950; July 1954

Locations on field: Garkida, Wandali

Schools and colleges: Ottumwa High School, Iowa; McPherson College, B.A., 1944; Bethany Biblical Seminary, B.D., 1947

Charles Lunkley, with his wife Rozella and two children, James and Carolyn, went to Africa in the fall of 1950. Upon arrival in Nigeria they were located at the Garkida station. During his first eighteen months he was responsible for keeping the mission cars and trucks running, as well as for maintenance work on the diesel-electric generators for the hospitals and the Leper Colony. During these first months he was also engaged in the study of the Bura language, the language of the western part of the Church of the Brethren mission field in Northern Nigeria. After he began to have some mastery of the Bura language he had the additional assignment of outvillage evangelism in the Garkida area.

In the spring of 1952 the Lunkleys were assigned to the Wandali station, a one family station in the western section of the Bura tribal area. At Wandali the Lunkleys were in charge of all phases of the mission work in their area. Charles, with the assistance of an African young man, helped the sick and the wounded at the dispensary. In addition he guided the local church and outvillage evangelistic programs.

The Lunkleys returned on their first furlough in August 1953. They returned to Nigeria in August 1954. They are again living at the Garkida station where Charles is connected with the local church programs at Garkida and the Leper Colony and district evangelism.

Name: Rozella Welsh Lunkley

Birthday: January 1, 1920

Birthplace: Ottumwa, Iowa

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 28, 1950 Gospel Messenger

Parents: James and Jennie Welsh

Dates of sailing: September 29, 1950; July 1954

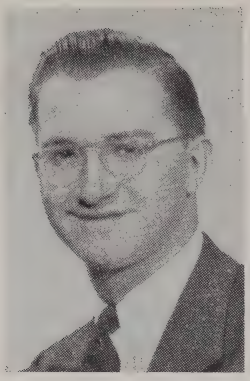
Locations on field: Garkida, Wandali

Schools and colleges: Ottumwa High School, McPherson College, Bethany Biblical Seminary

Rozella Lunkley, with her husband and two children, went to the African mission field in the fall of 1950. When they arrived in Nigeria in November of 1950 they were assigned to Garkida, the headquarters of our Africa mission. Rozella's first assignment was language study in preparation for working among the people of the Bura tribe. After several months of language work she began to teach English in the Garkida junior primary school. Here she became acquainted with the needs of the children both in the schools and in their home life. Because of her interest in the local needs of the children, she began to help in the girls' club work of the Garkida village.

In the spring of 1952 the Lunkleys moved to Wandali, a one-family station about sixty-five miles west and north of Garkida. In Wandali the Lunkleys were in charge of the entire mission program of the area, educational, medical and evangelistic. Rozella was in charge of the teachers and taught the children of the Wandali village in the four grades of the junior primary school. In the women's school Rozella guided the women of the local church in sewing, sanitation and child care and with the assistance of an African teacher, reading, writing, arithmetic and Bible study.

The Lunkleys came home for furlough in the summer of 1953 and returned to the Bura people in August 1954. They have been assigned to Garkida where Rozella is engaged in local women's work.



Name: Charles McClellan Bieber

Birthday: September 11, 1919

Birthplace: Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 11, 1950 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. George Bieber

Date of sailing: November 10, 1950

Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: Williamsport, Pa. Public Schools; Juniata; Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing for men; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Charles Bieber and family sailed for Nigeria, West Africa in November 1950 and since then he has been at work among the Margi people in the Lassa area.

During the first year of his term of service, he was occupied almost entirely with medical and dispensary work, and felt this was a valuable way to become acquainted with the people. Since then, however, he has been able to do what he more thoroughly enjoys, making personal contacts, working with the Margi teachers and evangelists, and seeking to give guidance to the emerging church.

He has been impressed with the fact that many of the people have seemed to be eagerly awaiting the news of the Christian gospel. He believes that we ought to redouble our efforts to reach them with the Word of Redemption. He believes, too, that the church in Nigeria ought to stand more and more as an indigenous church, dependent not upon the missionary, but upon the Savior.

He asks your prayers for the continued awakening and spiritual growth of the Margi people, and for the emerging church.

Name: Mary Elizabeth High Bieber

Birthday: February 18, 1922

Birthplace: Spring City, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 11, 1950 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Lawrence and Mary High

Date of sailing: November 10, 1950

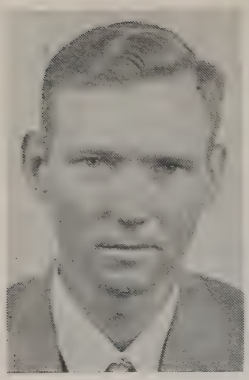
Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: Spring City High School; Juniata College, B.S., 1943

In the fall of 1950 the Charles Bieber family went to Nigeria, West Africa. Their home was at Lassa in the eastern side of the mission territory. After study of the Margi language, Mary Elizabeth Bieber found herself busy with the various duties of the mission connected with the schools and with the church. There was also the keeping of her own home and the care of their three children, Laurien George, Dale Ernest and Bonnie Ruth. The presence of a Christian home in a community is a constant daily example of right living. It is a continual sermon and inspiration for good, and such has the Bieber home been.

Mary Elizabeth has been in touch with the work of the schools assisting wherever and whenever possible and has helped the women and their families. There have also been trips to the villages. The growth of the church at the village of Gashala has been a great encouragement to everyone.

Mary Elizabeth asks that the following requests be kept on our prayer list: That the teachers in the schools may be true Christian witnesses in their daily lives. That there shall be more teachers receiving the training necessary to serve in enlarged educational work. That there may be more capable leaders among the women in the Lassa area. That the day may soon come when there shall be a complete translation of the New Testament in the Margi language.



Name: Dr. Paul Walter Petcher

Birthday: July 15, 1922

Birthplace: Citronelle, Alabama

Type of mission service: Medical doctor

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 24, 1951, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Glen W. and Edith White Petcher

Date of sailing: October 13, 1951

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: Murphy High School, Mobile, Alabama; Bridgewater College, A.B.; University of Alabama; University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, M.D. 1948.

Dr. Paul Petcher sailed with his wife and two children for the Africa mission field on October 13, 1951. They arrived at Garkida on November 3, where his first assignment was to language study and to be doctor in charge of the Ruth Royer Kulp Memorial Hospital. He was also assigned to the Garkida Leprosarium and served as the doctor there until the arrival of Dr. Merlin Brubaker in July of 1952.

Paul has found his medical mission work to be extremely challenging due to the varied problems which confront one. Needless to say many of the problems could be duplicated only in another hospital such as this one at Garkida where the nearest hospital in any direction is more than one hundred miles distant.

Although his time could easily be filled with medical work, he has taken an active interest in the local evangelistic efforts. He served as elder in charge of the Garkida and Leprosarium churches for four months and continues to preach regularly in the local churches.

Paul has visions of a Christian Nigeria where health is prevalent rather than the exception to the rule.

Name: Esther Wilson Petcher

Birthday: April 26, 1924

Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

Type of mission service: Educational, evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 24, 1951, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Norman A. and Ruth Utz Wilson

Date of sailing: October 13, 1951

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: Bridgewater College, 1944

Esther Wilson Petcher and her husband and their two children, Cheryl aged three and Richard aged nine months, sailed for Nigeria on October 13, 1951.

On arriving at Garkida, Esther was soon busy in the study of the Bura language which she found to be a fascinating assignment. For its scope included the people, their habits and their customs.

In 1952 she was asked to assist Mrs. Stover Kulp, who was headmistress of the junior primary school at Garkida. The school is made up of the first five grades with some three hundred pupils and ten teachers.

Later in 1952 Esther became headmistress of the school where she served until January 1954 when she helped in the hospital, keeping the statistical records and doing social work. This assignment led her into many of the compounds where she found opportunity for evangelistic work.

Several months out of each year Esther teaches in the women's school where the local women are taught reading, writing, sewing and Bible. At various times Esther has taught the Sunday school for the pre-school missionary children.

Name: Florence Shearer Miller

Birthday: March 2, 1918

Birthplace: Manheim, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 24, 1951, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Harrison and Edna Shearer Miller

Date of sailing: October 21, 1951

Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: Grantham Bible School; Elizabethtown College; Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Florence Miller left Lake Charles, Louisiana on October 21, 1951. She arrived in Lagos, Nigeria, December 18, 1951 after having stopped at ten other African ports.

Arriving at the Lassa station on January 13, 1952, she began a concentrated effort to learn the Margi language. After a few months, she began helping with the medical work, learning more language as she worked.

April 1953 she became the leader of women's work and found this very challenging. It was her privilege to visit in many Christian and non-Christian homes to contact the women.

August 1953 Florence was sent to the Garkida Leprosarium to relieve Velva Jane Dick who went home on furlough in November 1953. She has found it a great inspiration to work among the people with leprosy. Many have become Christians while confined to the colony and, even though they have leprosy, they are very happy. Because the leprosarium is in the Bura area Florence has had the task of learning the second language since coming to Nigeria. She requests your prayers to help her live a truly Christian life, as she labors there for Christ and the church.

Name: Mary Velma Ober

Birthday: Feb. 13, 1903

Birthplace: Garrett, Indiana

Type of mission service: Missionary teacher

Country: China; Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: September 26, 1936 Gospel Messenger

Parents: A. L. and Essie Coconower Ober

Dates of sailing to China: September 1936; February 1946; to Africa: January 1952

Locations on field: Ping Ting and Tai Yuan, Shansi; Tzechung, Szechwan; 1952 Jos; Waka Training Center, Nigeria, W. Africa

Schools and colleges: Manchester College, Bethany Biblical Seminary

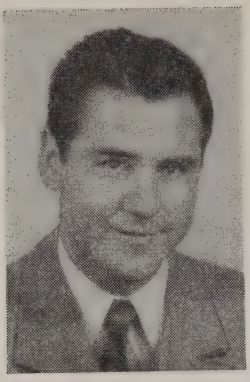
Mary Velma Ober first went to the China mission field in September, 1936. She was assigned to the Liao Hsien Mission School for Girls. Because of the invasion of China by the Japanese, school was disrupted several times and she worked with the refugees. Later it became necessary to leave Shansi. She spent several months in Peking and then returned home in 1941.

During the five years spent in America, she studied at Bethany, did deputation work and taught religious education at Elkhart, Indiana.

In 1946, she was permitted to return to China, but because of the communists' activities, she served only a year in Shansi, at Ping Ting and Tai Yuan, working mostly with young students. A year was spent in a mission school in Peking teaching English.

When the Church of the Brethren opened work in West China, she went to Tzechung, Szechwan and taught two years in the girls' mission school there, returning to the States in November 1950.

In January 1952, she was asked to teach at Jos, Nigeria, West Africa in a school for missionaries' children. Then moving to the Waka Teacher Training Center, she taught English and Bible there. She was also asked to direct the practice teaching work at Waka in 1954, helping to train native young people to go out and teach in the elementary schools.



Name: Dr. Merlin L. Brubaker

Birthday: July 1, 1922

Birthplace: Live Oak, California

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: April 12, 1952, Gospel Messenger

Parents: W. R. Brubaker and Rosetta Landis Brubaker

Date of sailing: February 20, 1952 (to England) for special study of tropical medicine

Location on field: Garkida, Nigeria, W. Africa

Schools and colleges: Live Oak High School, La Verne College, Los Angeles College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles General Hospital

On July 18, 1952, Dr. and Mrs. Merlin Brubaker and family landed at the Jos, Nigeria airport. Five days later found them at their station in Garkida, where Dr. Brubaker almost immediately took up his work at the Leprosarium where he had been called to serve.

The work has been varied. Often it has been found necessary to depart from the superabundant medical work to care for building, school and church work, or for farming projects. There is also the need to care for the 150 cattle of the Leprosarium, and to look after the very numerous activities necessary in operating an institution of nearly two thousand patients. Coupled with the work in the Leprosarium proper, the doctor oversees a segregation village named Pirkasa seven miles out, and is completing plans for two more of the Provincial Leprosy Settlements (Garkida Leprosarium). He also acts as the Leprosy Advisor for the Province of Adamawa, which takes him to all of the other leprosy centers throughout the province. The latter, though a government function, brings the work together, thereby promoting greater coordination of all our efforts for leprosy control.

The Brubakers arrived in the States in November, 1954.

Name: Paulina Louise Hylton Brubaker

Birthday: November 17, 1925

Birthplace: Nampa, Idaho

Type of mission service: Evangelistic, homemaker

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: April 12, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Roy and Callie Riddlebarger Hylton

Date of sailing: Feb. 20, 1952 (to England), before going on to Nigeria

Location on field: Garkida, Nigeria, West Africa

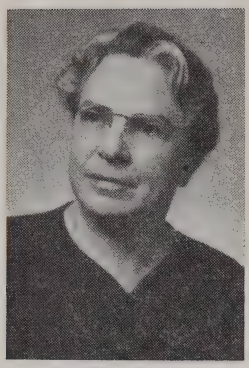
Schools and colleges: Bonita High School near La Verne; La Verne College

It was the 24th day of July 1952, when the new doctor, Merlin Brubaker, his wife and their daughter, Judy, three, and son John, one and one half, arrived at their new home on the African field.

Hardly a week went by before they were busy in mission work along with language study. The Leprosarium with nearly two thousand patients was in need of someone to take over the many jobs and the three hundred pupils had a new headmistress in the person of the newly arrived doctor's wife. The pupils in the upper classes are so eager to learn English that it is a thrill to teach them each new word.

In addition to running the school, the running of the household in Africa, even with the African help takes much time; and the many needs of two very active children plus a brand new baby make for a very full day. In spare moments one always likes to go visiting in the compounds to learn the way of life of the African women and to watch them at their work, always taking every opportunity to tell of the love of Jesus for them.

The Merlin Brubakers arrived in the States in November, 1954.



Name: Dulcie L. Cover

Birthday: February 26, 1891

Birthplace: Near Canton, Illinois

Type of mission service: In Hillcrest School

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: June 28, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Isaac G. and Martha Davis Williams

Date of sailing: April 30, 1952

Location on field: Hillcrest School, Jos

Schools and colleges: Valparaiso University, Special term courses at Manchester College, Courses at Bethany Seminary.

Mrs. Cover is serving in the Hillcrest School Home where missionaries send their children to school without having to leave them in America. The children come from many nations and while most are children of missionaries there are some admitted, when there is room, from European and African homes. Some of these are not Christian which makes the home a real mission field on its own. Many of these children accept Christ while here and take part in worship services.

A family of sixty makes work, washing, ironing, cleaning, cooking, mending, nursing, loving, disciplining. While much is supervisory yet much must be done by the house mothers. Mrs. Cover has charge of a house full of girls, oversees the laundry, does the mending, gives piano instruction and helps in the Sunday school. She feels that any service she can render to relieve the minds of the parents whose children are hundreds of miles away while they carry Christ's message to the people of Africa is well worth while.

Pray that the Hillcrest staff may have wisdom from God and a double portion of His spirit to train and mould the lives entrusted to their care.

Name: Janet King

Birthday: December 2, 1922

Birthplace: St. James, Maryland

Type of mission service: Educational, Teacher at Hillcrest

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: February 21, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: L. V. and Bessie Jane King

Date of sailing to Africa: December 30, 1952

Location on field: Jos

Schools and colleges: Public school in Ohio and Indiana; Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.

Janet King went to Nigeria, West Africa in December 1952 and was assigned to the Hillcrest School at Jos. Janet is sent to Nigeria by the Brethren Church. When in college she felt called to teach. After serving in the public schools for a number of years she heard of the need of a teacher at Hillcrest and felt that for at least a time, God wanted her there. She feels that serving Christ at Hillcrest is just as important in the total mission program as work in any of the "bush" stations. In her classes are children from many missions, in addition to children of government and business men. They represent many nations of the world: American, Canadian, English, Scottish, Irish, Australian, Indian, Syrian, Lebanese, and African.

In addition to teaching in the elementary grades, Janet helps occasionally in the boarding home with the care of the children, teaches the older children's Sunday school class, and edits the Hillcrest News. Since she lives in the city of Jos at the C. B. M. Vacation Compound, she has the privilege of helping to make the stay of the missionaries a pleasant one when they come there for business or for their holidays.

Pray that all who work at Hillcrest may be challenged by the opportunities that are theirs in teaching these children. Especially may they teach the way of Christ.

Name: Robert H. McKay

Birthday: May 25, 1916

Birthplace: Cisco, Texas

Type of mission service: Educational, agricultural

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: September 27, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Percy W. and Mary Hicks McKay

Date of sailing: August 13, 1952

Location on field: Waka, Nigeria, West Africa

Schools and colleges: Purcellville Public Schools; Thurmont High School, vocational agriculture; University of Maryland, agriculture; Bethany Biblical Seminary, B.D., 1949

The work of Robert McKay at Waka Elementary Training Center is to try to give the elementary teachers of the future an appreciation and working knowledge of an improved agriculture and rural life. This knowledge must of necessity be the foundation for any economic advancement in Nigerian Africa. His work includes class room instruction on various things that apply to rural life and to the general principles of improved agriculture, such as crop rotation, proper tillage, supplying plant foods through composts, seed selection, animal care, etc. This instruction also includes planning and supervising practice farming on school plots with school animals and equipment. To keep within Nigerian limitations of basic things and conditions is a challenge. The temptation is to leave out some of the steps between a hoe agriculture of primitive type and modern agriculture as Americans know it. In the eyes of an American the limitations of resources and conditions are great, but Bob's job is to help the Nigerian to help himself within these limitations.

Name: Charlotte Swadley McKay

Birthday: December 16, 1920

Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: September 27, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: W. H. and Laura Gwin Swadley

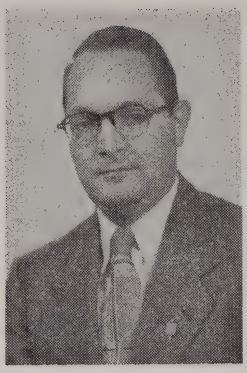
Date of sailing: August 13, 1952

Location on field: Waka, Nigeria, West Africa

Schools and colleges: Boone's Creek High School; East Tennessee State College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Charlotte McKay and her family sailed for the Nigeria field in August 1952. After the preliminary months of language study, she was assigned to teach in the women's school at Waka, the newest of the African mission stations. To this school the wives of the married elementary training school students come each day. Some of them are learning to read and write for the first time, but all of them are learning how to be better wives, mothers and homemakers. Some of them have already learned to follow the Way of Christ but for the others, their daily Bible classes help them to know about The Way, and what it could mean in their lives.

When the men complete their training at Waka, they will go out to many scattered villages to be Christian elementary teachers and leaders. Their wives will have great opportunity to teach and lead also, because all around them there will be women who know nothing of what these women have had the opportunity to learn while in the women's school. By their daily example of a cleaner compound, a healthier family and a radiant Christian life other women will be led to the Light.



Name: Robert P. Bischof

Birthday: March 5, 1922

Birthplace: Park Hill, Pennsylvania

Type of missionary work: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 15, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Emory and Margaret Bischof

Date of sailing: October 8, 1952

Location on field: Lassa, Gulak

Schools and colleges: Johnstown, Pennsylvania High School; Ashland College, Ohio; Ashland Theological Seminary of Brethren Church.

In October 1952 Robert Bischof and his wife set sail for Nigeria, West Africa and their home was at Lassa which is about one hundred miles east from Garkida, going by the road. The Bischofs are from the Brethren Church. Their Margi language study began immediately.

While studying many tasks are also assigned which help in learning to know the people, their customs and their language. There is the leading of prayer meeting services and there are many visits in homes.

Robert has gone often to the villages where the C. R. I. (Classes of Religious Instruction) evangelists are working. It has always been a great joy to hear new applicants make their confession, to see men come forward for baptism and find others returning to the fold with penitent hearts. At Gashala among the Kilba people and at Moda among the Higi tribe good work has been done by African evangelists and people are being baptized. Three new villages now have evangelists in their midst and this is most encouraging.

In June 1954, the Bischofs moved to Gulak, known as a one-family station. This station is farther on to the east and their work will be more and more among the Higi people.

Name: Beatrice King Bischof

Birthday: March 19, 1926

Birthplace: New Lebanon, Ohio

Type of mission service: Evangelistic, homemaker, nursing

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 15, 1952

Parents: L. V. and Bessie Jane King

Date of sailing: October 8, 1952

Location on field: Lassa, Gulak

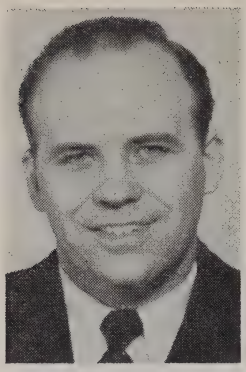
Schools and colleges: Ashland, Ohio, High School; Ashland College; Nurse's Training in Samaritan Hospital, Ashland; Cincinnati General Hospital

Beatrice Bischof and her husband arrived in Nigeria in the fall of 1952 and were located at the Lassa station. The learning of the Margi language was one of her first tasks.

Beatrice has had charge of the dispensary and has also supervised in the hospital at Lassa. After the rains are over, many patients come for treatment, often walking as far as seventy miles. It is quite common to treat some 150 patients a day.

Also there is the women's school which meets when the season permits. The women learn to do many things which prove helpful and of lasting value to them in their homes. A class of seventy women keeps a teacher busy.

Before the rains came, the Bischofs expected to move from Lassa to Gulak. They pray earnestly that many Higi people shall be reached for Jesus Christ.



Name: Monroe C. Good

Birthday: March 13, 1924

Birthplace: Goodville, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 29, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Monroe and Mary Crouse Good

Date of sailing: October 17, 1952

Locations on field: Garkida, Marama

Schools and colleges: Elizabethtown College and Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia; Bethany Biblical Seminary

Monroe Good and his family have been on the field since October 1952. His first six months were spent at Garkida in language study. While there he had the opportunity to visit the other mission stations and thereby gain a picture of the entire mission area.

In April 1953 they moved to Marama, West Bura country. Here Monroe's main work is church leadership and evangelistic work. In this capacity he hopes to preach, teach and live in such a way that those who come under his influence may come to know Christ as Savior and Lord.

Because of the insufficient number of Christian leaders and evangelists he hopes to challenge some of the talented young men to give their lives for this type of service. Pray that there may be those who are willing to answer the call.

Another special interest of his is to help the Bura people improve their way of living so that they may become better stewards of the land, so that they may progress economically, socially, physically and spiritually. By helping them in these ways he believes that the people can grow toward a more self-supporting church which is able to progress and expand on its own initiative.

Pray that wise choices may be made and consecrated work may be done so that the people may not only learn of the Christian Way but will also walk faithfully in it.

Name: Ada Zeigler Good

Birthday: November 17, 1925

Birthplace: Richland, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Evangelistic, home builder

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: November 29, 1952 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Abraham and Rhoda Keller Zeigler

Date of sailing: October 17, 1952

Locations on field: Garkida, Marama

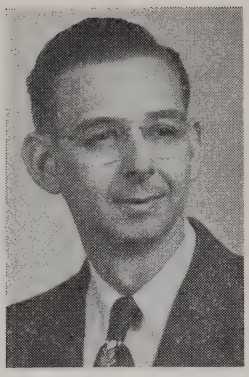
Schools and colleges: Richland High School; Millersville State Teacher's College

Ada Good and family flew to Nigeria in October 1952. The first six months were spent at Garkida in studying the language and learning about some of the customs, beliefs and problems of the Bura people.

In April they moved to Marama. Here her chief responsibility has been the supervision of three junior primary schools with an enrollment of over five hundred children. The work consists of some teaching, administrative duties and working with the teachers to improve their teaching so that more and better qualified Christian leaders may be the products of our schools. The challenging part of the school program is to see the many children from pagan compounds come to school, learn about Christ and His Way, accept Him and become members of the church through baptism, and then return to their villages to teach their people.

Another inspiring part of her work is among the women and girls. We pray earnestly that more and more opportunities will be given the women so that they may be better prepared to work with their husbands in establishing truly Christian homes, the foundation for a strong church.

The missionary's great need—constant guidance of the Spirit to choose wisely to do those things which will best promote the Kingdom of Christ among the Bura people.



Name: Charles L. Baldwin

Birthday: January 30, 1919

Birthplace: Wenatchee, Washington

Type of mission service: Educational, mechanical

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 17, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: J. F. and Cora M. Baldwin

Date of sailing to Africa: July 30, 1953

Locations on field: Garkida, Jos

Schools and colleges: Modesto High School, McPherson College, Bethany Biblical Seminary

Charles L. Baldwin and wife sailed from New York on July 30, 1953, arriving in Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa on August 12. The following three and a half months were spent in Garkida in language study, learning the Bura language. During this same period Charles helped with the work in the Garkida orchards.

From the first of January, 1954, until the first of June he worked at Hillcrest School as manager of the kitchen and dining room in the boarding home, also as buyer. Besides these duties he assisted in the recreation program of the school and as substitute teacher when necessary.

After the first of June he will again be in Garkida for about four months where he will again take up his language study. Pray for him that he may learn the language rapidly and well in order that he may be of greater and more efficient service in the work of our Master as he takes up his permanent assignment at Wandali station.

Name: Naomi Roller Baldwin

Birthday: January 30, 1919

Birthplace: New Market, Virginia

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 17, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: D. Frank and Nora Roller

Date of sailing to Africa: July 30, 1953

Locations on field: Garkida, Jos

Schools and colleges: Elementary School, Broadway High School, McPherson, Bethany Training School

Naomi Roller Baldwin and husband sailed from New York on July 30, 1953, arriving in Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa on August 12. Then came the study of the Bura language as soon as they reached Garkida. Those months of setting up their home in a different land afforded a new and interesting experience. During this time Naomi did a bit of work with the girls' club in music and also helped in the teaching of Sunday school for the missionary children.

From the first of January until the first of June she worked at Hillcrest school taking charge of study halls, junior high girls' handcraft, and the story hour and activity for the little folk in the first grade. After the first of June the Baldwins are again in Garkida for language study.

Naomi asks for our prayers that she may learn the language so she may have an easy command in order that she may be of greater and more efficient service to our Master as she goes with her husband to their assigned field of work at Wandali station.

Name: Robert A. Hess

Birthday: June 9, 1928

Birthplace: Near Mount Joy, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 24, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Ezra E. and Martha Auker Hess

Date of sailing to Africa: September 3, 1953

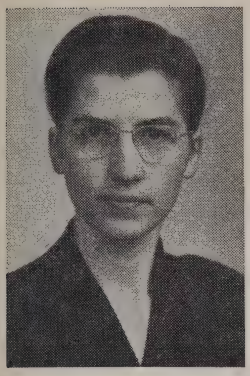
Locations on field: Garkida, Waka

Schools and colleges: Mount Joy Elementary School, High School, Electrical engineering, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania State College, Bethany Biblical Seminary.

Arriving at Garkida station on September 28, 1953, Robert Hess soon began the study of the Bura language. Language study, however, did not long remain his sole responsibility. Shortly after his arrival he was put in charge of maintenance and building at Garkida. This work called for innumerable repair jobs of all kinds, including road maintenance plus the construction of a new building at the hospital. He soon discovered in this type of work that even if he could not speak their language very well he learned to understand the people.

February 4, 1954, the Hesses were transferred to the Waka station which is about forty-five miles from Garkida. The transfer was made so that Robert might temporarily supervise the building program there. Waka is the new teacher training center for the mission and because of its rapid expansion many new buildings are urgently needed.

The Hesses have been assigned to Lassa to do building and evangelistic work as soon as Robert can be freed from the work at Waka. This should be in July or August of 1954.



Name: Anna Mary Hawthorne Hess

Birthday: March 21, 1924

Birthplace: Near Maytown, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 24, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Victor and Elizabeth Hawthorne

Date of sailing to Africa: September 3, 1953

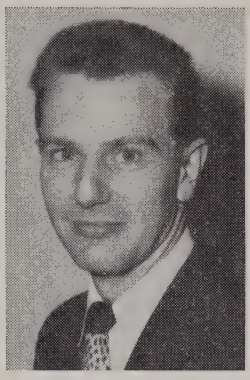
Locations on field: Garkida, Waka

Schools and colleges: Maytown Elementary and High School, Elizabethtown College, Bethany Training School

Soon after her arrival at the Garkida station in Nigeria, West Africa on September 28, 1953, Anna Mary Hess began language study, which is the first task of all new missionaries. Not feeling quite satisfied with language study as full time work, she began a new venture among the children at the Garkida hospital. Each afternoon she spent an hour or more with the children, directing their play, teaching them songs, and telling them stories, and trying to help them fill in the lonely hours in a hospital. Although language was a barrier in this work the children responded enthusiastically and readily participated in the activities.

On February 4 the Hesses were transferred to the Waka station where a heavy building program was in process. Since they were to stay at Waka for only a few months, she has been given no definite assignment. She has been keeping busy, however, by continuing her study of the Bura language, helping the mission treasurer, and trying to help wherever a need arises.

Anna Mary is eagerly looking forward to the time when she has learned the language well enough so that she can begin working more closely with the African people.



Name: Dr. John L. Hamer

Birthday: September 4, 1923

Birthplace: North Manchester, Indiana

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: January 9, 1954 Gospel Messenger

Parents: O. Stuart and Gertrude Sharp Hamer

Date of sailing: November 27, 1953

Location on field: Lassa

Schools and colleges: North Manchester High School, Manchester College, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. John L. Hamer and wife sailed for Nigeria in November 1953 and before the end of the next month called Lassa their home. Each morning as the doctor goes to work at the Lassa Hospital he can see the salient and silent forms of the majestic mountain peaks in the distance. In addition twice a week he travels to Bizinda, nine miles away, where some five hundred patients with leprosy live and receive treatment.

Each moonlit night as he goes to bed after a day's work at the forty-bed hospital in Lassa the aluminum "pan" roofs of the seven or eight hospital buildings fairly glisten as if signaling to others in the mountains that here is a place where the lamp is not hidden under a bushel.

All too often, even yet, native medicine is used before sick patients are brought to the hospital. The prayer of the mission is that those becoming sick will come in early that their limbs and lives might be saved. Pray that there might be understanding of the Nigerians, spiritually as well as physically and mentally.

Name: Esther Rinehart Hamer

Birthday: March 28, 1928

Birthplace: Hagerstown, Indiana

Type of mission service: Nurse

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: January 9, 1954 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mahlon and Mary Hay Rinehart

Date of sailing: November 27, 1953

Location on field: Garkida, West Africa

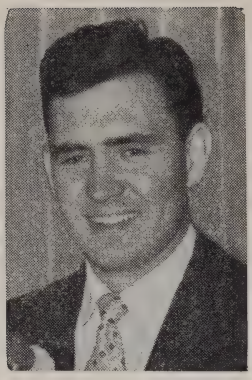
Schools and colleges: Hagerstown High School, Manchester College, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

Esther Rinehart Hamer, R. N., and her husband, John, have been stationed at Lassa, Nigeria, since their arrival on the African field in December 1953.

Immediately along with settling themselves in their first African home they found themselves busy in the field of medical work. Esther has been in charge of the dispensary (out-patient clinic) where an average of 225 patients come each week day for medicines and dressings. Although Lassa is in the Margi-speaking area, people from other tribes, Higi, Fulani, Kilba, Mundangs, etc., are hearing of the work here and are coming for medicines, too. She also has a small clinic two afternoons a week for patients in Lassa who are afflicted with leprosy.

She has especially enjoyed teaching the basic nursing arts and sciences to Boye and Hamidu. These are two African Christian boys who graduated from primary six standard last year and aspire to enter a school of nurse's training next year. They are working in the Lassa hospital to acquire the use of more English and gain experience in nursing.

Esther has also been elected as a member of the music committee of the Lassa church and she hopes to help many of the people who are eager to learn new hymns for the worship services.



Name: Dr. Marvin E. Blough

Birthday: July 27, 1927

Birthplace: McPherson County, Kansas

Type of mission service: Medical

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 30, 1954 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Earl and Ona Rathbun Blough

Date of sailing to Africa: July 1954

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: McPherson College, Northwest Nazarene College, University of Kansas Medical School

On July 28, 1954 Dr. Marvin Blough and family sailed from New York for Nigeria, West Africa. It was in truth the celebration of his birthday, delayed by one day, as he started out on his mission of healing to the land of Africa. From earliest days he had hoped to serve the Lord as a missionary and his study and preparation led him to this goal. He has gone to Nigeria prepared to serve the people as a doctor. He will find that his days will be filled from the beginning with duties which will be a challenge to his strength and a constant dedication to his task. The hours of a doctor are not his own for they are claimed by others.

Marvin Blough enters into his work asking for the prayers of the brotherhood and for the support and encouragement of every member of the church.

Name: Martha Dorris Murdock Blough

Birthday: August 3, 1927

Birthplace: Statesville, North Carolina

Type of mission service: Homemaker

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: October 30, 1954 Gospel Messenger

Parents: John and Blanche Lackey Murdock

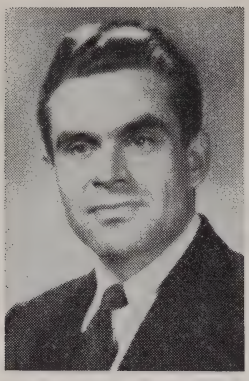
Date of sailing to Africa: July 1954

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: McPherson College, Northwest Nazarene College

Dorris Blough left the States on July 28, 1954 for Nigeria, West Africa along with her husband and daughter Susan. Dorris has from childhood believed in giving of her talent and time to serve the church and her going to Nigeria as a missionary is the continuation of this same active faith. As her home will be a medical missionary's home, she will find no end to the services which she will render. Along with the learning of a new language and making acquaintance with new surroundings and different peoples, she will have increasing duties in the schools on the compound and in the surrounding villages.

Dorris requests the prayers of the church that her spirit of service shall be joyous and that her work shall bring blessing to the people and glory to God.



Name: Owen L. Shankster

Birthday: May 28, 1927

Birthplace: Alvordton, Ohio

Type of mission service: Builder

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: Nov. 13, 1954, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Owen S. Shankster

Date of sailing to Africa: September 17, 1954

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: Pioneer High School, Ohio; Manchester College

It was a real thrill to set sail for Nigeria on that fall day, October 1, 1950. He had often heard of the mud church at Garkida with its grass roof and mud benches, built in the shape of a cross. Although he had dreamed of seeing it one day, it was a great inspiration to be a regular member there beginning in December of 1952 after the Shanksters had spent two years with Brethren Service in Asaba, Nigeria.

The Shanksters are looking forward with eager anticipation to the challenge which faces them as they again take up work at Garkida in the fall of 1954. Owen will continue in the building program as well as do general maintenance work. The real challenge however is that while building schools, churches, homes, or otherwise, he can help build Christian men. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As they go in answer to His command, they ask for your support in prayer.

Name: Celia Smith Shankster

Birthday: May 16, 1929

Birthplace: Ellingson, South Dakota

Type of mission service: Homemaker

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: December 4, 1954, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith

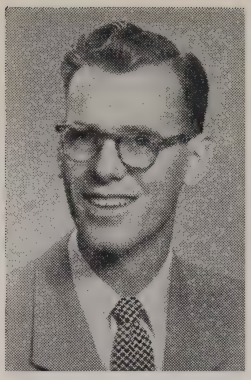
Date of sailing to Africa: September 17, 1954

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and colleges: Monument City High School, Indiana; Manchester College

Leaving home in September the Owen Shankster family arrived in Port Harcourt, Nigeria on November 10, 1950 and then traveled overland 120 miles to Asaba where three missions were cooperating in staffing a center for training Nigerian youth toward Christian stewardship of farm and profitable farming, and Nigerian girls for Christian motherhood. After two years of strenuous work in the office there Celia was in practice for the typing work given her at Garkida in Northern Nigeria which included cutting the stencils for the Bura-English vocabulary. Language study, getting acquainted with some of the Bura people and later on the chance to work with the girls' club took up the rest of her ten and a half months at Garkida. They left Lagos, Nigeria exactly three years to the day after they had entered, having gained many new friends, both black and white, and a deep desire to return and give their lives to God for the furthering of His work in Nigeria. They returned to Garkida in September 1954.

Pray with them for those who accept Christianity that they may learn the true way and willingly walk therein, yielded to God and unyielding to temptation.



Name: Gerald A. Neher

Birthday: October 5, 1930

Birthplace: Osage, Kansas

Type of mission service: Educational, agricultural

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: Nov. 6, 1954, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Roy H. and Wava Long Neher

Date of sailing to Nigeria: September 17, 1954

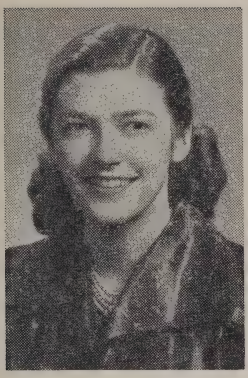
Location on field: Chibuk

Schools and colleges: Oswego High School; McPherson College; Cornell University; Bethany Biblical Seminary

The sailing day becomes a date long remembered by each missionary, for it brings him face to face with a new chapter in his career. Days of preparation and long planning slip into the past and the new field and the new duties become imminent. Such was September 16, 1954, for Gerald Neher and his family.

The first duty on reaching the field will be the study of the new language; in addition will be the learning of many things connected with making one's home in a strange land. Teaching will be Gerald's chief concern. Much of his time will be given to helping the people to learn better farming methods and better ways of living.

His desire is that the home church will remember him in prayer that he be given strength of body and strength of spirit for the tasks ahead.



Name: Lois Yoder Neher

Birthday: December 20, 1928

Birthplace: McPherson, Kansas

Type of mission service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, West Africa

Biography: Nov. 6, 1954, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Harlan and Fidelia Frantz Yoder

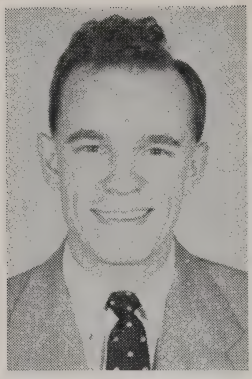
Date of sailing to Nigeria: September 17, 1954

Location on field: Chibuk

Schools and colleges: McPherson College; Bethany Biblical Seminary

September 16, 1954, was the date when Lois Yoder Neher, her husband and son, Rodney Eugene, started to Nigeria, West Africa, where she is to serve as an educational and evangelistic missionary. In addition to her household duties, her family and her language study, she will be taking up lines of work in the schools among the children and with the women's groups on the mission compound.

Lois looks forward to her work in Nigeria with great anticipation, praying that she may be granted strength and wisdom for all the new and varied experiences she may encounter. Also she desires that the church-at-large and especially her college and her church shall help her with their interest and their prayers.



Name: Irven Fike Stern

Birthday: March 8, 1928

Birthplace: Fredericksburg, Iowa

Type of Mission Service: Churchman

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: January 29, 1955, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Roy E. and Ethel Fike Stern

Date of sailing to Nigeria: January 21, 1955

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and Colleges: McPherson College, Bethany Biblical Seminary, and Meadville Missionary Training Conference.

He was very happy and there was a great feeling of expectancy for Irven as he set sail for Nigeria, early in January of 1955. Going out to serve Christ and his brothers across the waters is a dream he has had since his early youth.

Irven and his wife, Pattie, were appointed to be evangelists on the India missionfield. Then, less than two weeks before they were to sail the Indian government refused to grant them a visa. After a period of uncertainty and waiting the way was cleared so they could go to Nigeria.

Your prayers are greatly needed for Irven and for the people of Nigeria. Pray that many souls will be won to God through preaching Christ and trying to live out the Christian life.

Name: Pattie Bittinger Stern

Birthday: December 25, 1930

Birthplace: Garkida, Nigeria, Africa

Type of Mission Service: Educational

Country: Nigeria, W. Africa

Biography: February 12, 1955, Gospel Messenger

Parents: Desmond W. and Irene Frantz Bittinger

Date of sailing to field: January 21, 1955

Location on field: Garkida

Schools and Colleges: McPherson College, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Meadville Missionary Training Conference

Pattie is a second-generation missionary, having been born in Africa of missionary parents. She loved Africa and the African people and always looked forward to returning when she finished her schooling. However, she was happy to be appointed to serve in India and felt genuine regret when they were refused visas. As she sails for Africa it is with a feeling of joy at going to her homeland and a hope that she will be able to further the cause of Christ.

The Sterns expect to be at Garkida for language study, and they will be teaching in English while they learn the native language. Pattie will enjoy introducing their little daughter, Gayle, to the beauties and wonders of Africa as she knew them as a child.

Pray with her that many may come to know the joy of living a Christ-centered life.

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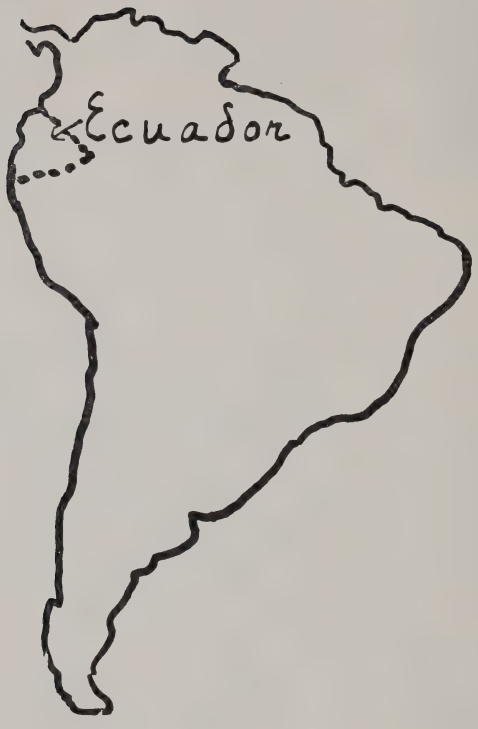


Location: Bella Vista, near Calderon, northeast from Quito, Ecuador

Area: Approximately 275,936 square miles

Population: Approximately 6,000

Mission work began: 1946

Baptisms: 25

Name: J. Benton Rhoades

Birthday: March 31, 1920

Birthplace: Astoria, Illinois

Type of mission service: Foreign (ministerial)

Country: Ecuador, S. A.

Biography: October 12, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Paul J. and Orpha Rhoades

Dates of sailing to Ecuador: June 1946; June 1949; July 1953

Location on field: Rural mission, Calderon near Quito, Ecuador

Schools and colleges: Manchester College, Bethany Biblical Seminary; University of Chicago; University of Indiana

J. Benton Rhoades was appointed in 1946 to serve as a missionary in Ecuador. The first sailing was in July 1946. First year locating Ecuadorian field, purchasing mission farm. Second year farming and making friends in the community. Third year school, medical work, and Sunday school begun. First furlough December 1948 to 1949. Sixth year, first baptisms and organization of national church. Second furlough, seventh year. Eighth year licensing and training of first Ecuadorian Indian minister.

The work consists of evangelistic activities including part time preaching in Spanish, inquirers classes, Christian education in the primary school, pastor's training, scripture distribution, counseling national leaders and the national church organization and serving as chairman and legal representative of the mission.

There is continual need to pray for greater faith in the Holy Spirit's power to transform lives within this pagan culture. For greater understanding of the Ecuadorian mind and wisdom to deal with and deliver responsibility to the national Christians as they are ready for it. For patience and tact necessary for charting the legal and political course of the mission amidst sometimes hostile, sometimes friendly, but secularizing forces within the national life of the country.

Name: Ruby Frantz Rhoades

Birthday: June 1, 1923

Birthplace: Beattie, Kansas

Type of mission service: Agricultural missions

Country: Ecuador, S. A.

Biography: October 12, 1946 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Ira H. and Hattie Sellers Frantz

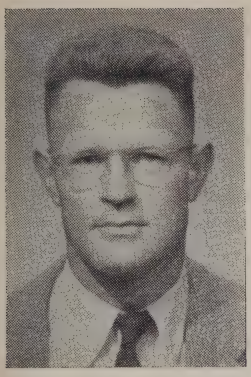
Dates of sailing to Ecuador: June 1946; June 1949; July 1953

Location on field: Calderon—15 miles north of Quito

Schools and colleges: Manchester College and Bethany Biblical Seminary (work at both but has not completed a degree)

Ruby Frantz Rhoades went to Ecuador as a missionary in July 1946. While the Rhoadeses were living in Quito, the mission was fifteen miles to the north. Later the Rhoades family moved to the new location and began mission work. Friends were made and confidence increased. A school was started. Ruby taught Bible and also a class of sewing in the school. She was also the mission treasurer. Becoming acquainted with the people was a chief concern and she did much home visitation. In her own home she has four children: Jeanne, Janet, Rebecca and Robert.

Ruby desires that prayer shall be made for the work. That in the face of serious opposition the new believers will remain faithful, humble and happy, that the parents will not be afraid to send their sons and daughters to be educated in the mission school, that the missionaries will have the love, patience and wisdom necessary to deal with the problems that will arise during each year.



Name: Rolland C. Flory

Birthday: December 25, 1912

Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

Type of mission service: Agricultural missionary

Country: China; Ecuador

Biography: September 28, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Raymond C. and Lizzie M. Neher Flory

Dates of sailing to China: September 1940; January 1948; to Ecuador Dec. 1951

Locations on field: Peiping 1940; Baguio, Philippine Islands 1941-1945, Nanchang, Kiangsi, 1948, Shanghai, 1949-1950; Bella Vista (Quito), Ecuador, 1952

Schools and colleges: Grants Pass High School, Oregon; Manchester College; Cornell University College of Agriculture

Rolland Flory was raised in China, son of Raymond and Lizzie Flory, former missionaries to China. In 1940 he and his wife, Josephine, returned to China intending to spend the rest of their lives in agricultural missionary work there. However, they were forced to leave after the communists occupied that great country, and after three years in the Philippine Islands most of which was spent in concentration camps, they returned to the States. About a year later they accepted the call to go to our Brethren mission work near Quito, Ecuador. After some intensive language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, Rolland arrived at his new assignment. His work is helping the Indians who love the land to improve their farming practices through demonstration and extension work. Little by little the confidence of the Indian neighbors is gained and in time they will recognize their needs and then make the effort to improve their crops, their food, their livestock and their standard of living in general.

Missionaries must identify themselves with the people in many ways as did Christ in His day and Rolland feels his work is one service which helps accomplish this, at the same time bringing a saving knowledge of our Lord to the lowly Indian.

Name: Josephine Keever Flory

Birthday: May 5, 1914

Birthplace: Monticello, Indiana

Type of mission service: Wife and homemaker

Country: China; Ecuador

Biography: September 28, 1940 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Rudolph G. and Mae Dilling Keever

Dates of sailing to China: September 1940; January 1948; to Ecuador Dec. 1951

Locations on field: Peiping 1940; Baguio, Philippine Islands, 1941-1945; Nanchang, Kiangsi, 1948, Shanghai, 1949-1950; Bella Vista (Quito), Ecuador, 1952

Schools and colleges: Urbana High School, Indiana; Manchester College; Cornell University, College of Home Economics

After serving several years in China and having to leave because of the communist government, Josephine Flory chose to go with her husband to work among the highland Indians of South America near Quito, Ecuador. Learning another language meant lots of hard work and both Rolland and Josephine spent eight months in the language school for missionaries to Spanish speaking countries in San Jose, Costa Rica. They reached Ecuador in August 1952. Being a housewife and mother comes first in the life of all missionary wives, but they soon learn how to make the best use of their time and find time for language study and mission work too. Josephine has helped in the evangelistic work of the mission, teaching Bible classes in the school and in Sunday school, helping with the church music, helping in the summer vacation Bible School, and acting as mission secretary. As national workers begin to shoulder more of the Bible teaching in the school and Sunday school, and as less time is needed for language study, Josephine has a great dream of helping the older girls of the community to learn to read and write and to have cleaner homes as well as bringing them with their mothers into the light of the gospel of Christ.

Name: Leanna Faye Koontz

Birthday: November 2, 1917

Birthplace: Clearville, Pennsylvania

Type of mission service: Medical (nurse)

Country: Ecuador, South America

Biography: March 14, 1953 Gospel Messenger

Parents: Daniel G. and Nancy Sollenberger Koontz

Date of sailing to Ecuador: January 16, 1953

Location on field: Bella Vista (Quito), Ecuador

Schools and colleges: Everett High School; Windber, Pa., Hospital; Nason Hospital at Roaring Springs, Pa.; Elizabethtown College; Bethany Training School

Faye Koontz reached Ecuador, South America, on January 17, 1953 to take over the medical work started by Benton Rhoades. Although much of her time has been taken up in language study she has been busy caring for those who come to the clinic and visiting the critically ill in homes. She has been working with a doctor in Quito. She has seen the great need for public health teaching in better methods of sanitation. Her prayer is that she may be able to teach effectively. So many of the patients come for help as a last resort. She hopes that in her visiting in the homes she may reach them before it is too late for medical help. And as she helps them physically she desires to help them spiritually. Faye asks that the church pray that the medical work might be more fruitful in winning men to Christ. She is eager that she may be able to speak the Spanish language fluently so that she may be able to train native Christian workers to help in the medical work. She also hopes that they may have a Christian mission doctor to help the people in the community around about them who need help so badly, spiritually and physically.

Missionaries Who Have Served and the Dates They Served

India

Wilbur B. Stover, 1894-1920
Mary Emmert Stover, 1894-1920
Bertha Ryan Shirk, 1894-1900
S. N. McCann, 1897-1907
Elizabeth Gibbel McCann, 1897-1907
D. L. Forney, 1897-1904; 1920-1926
Anna Shull Forney, 1897-1904; 1920-1926
Adam Ebey, 1900-1931
Alice King Ebey, 1900-1931; 1945-1947
Eliza B. Miller, 1900-1940
Jesse B. Emmert, 1904-1919
Gertrude Rowland Emmert, 1904-1919
Daniel J. Lichty, 1902-1947
Nora Arnold Lichty, 1903-1918
Anna Eby Lichty, 1912-1947
I. S. Long, 1903-1931
Effie Showalter Long, 1903-1931
Sadie J. Miller, 1903-1949
Mary N. Quinter, 1903-1914
Dr. O. H. Yeremian, 1903-1906
J. M. Blough, 1903-1949
Anna Detweiler Blough, 1903-1949
J. M. Pittenger, 1904-1920
Florence Baker Pittenger, 1904-1920
E. H. Eby, 1904-1925
Emma Horner Eby, 1904-1925
Steven P. Berkebile, 1904-1910
Nora Flory Berkebile, 1904-1910
A. W. Ross, 1904-1922
Flora Nickey Ross Bjorklund, 1904-1922
Josephine Powell, 1906-1920
Charles Brubaker, 1906-1910
Ella Miller Brubaker, 1906-1911
Ida Himmelsbaugh, 1908-1923
Kathryn Ziegler, 1908-1931
Ida C. Shumaker, 1910-1946
Quincy A. Holsopple, 1911-1922
Kathren Royer Holsopple, 1911-1922
John I. Kaylor, 1911-1929
Rosa Wagoner Kaylor, 1911-1917
Ina Marshburn Kaylor, 1921-1929
H. B. Heisey, 1912-1914
Grace Nedrow Heisey, 1912-1914
Olive Widdowson, 1912-1954
S. Ira Arnold, 1913-1921
Elizabeth Bartholow Arnold, 1913-1921
Dr. A. Raymond Cottrell, 1913-1950
Dr. Laura Murphy Cottrell, 1913-1950
B. Mary Royer, 1913-1946
Dr. Barbara Nickey, 1915-1952
Holly P. Garner, 1919-1932
Kathryn Barkdoll Garner, 1916-1932
Goldie E. Swartz, 1916-1954
Andrew T. Hoffert, 1916-1924
Jennie Mohler, 1916-1930
Lillian Grisso, 1917—
Howard Alley, 1917-1946
Hattie Miller Alley, 1917-1946
Ella Ebbert, 1917-1953
Anetta Mow, 1917-1931
Elizabeth Kintner, 1919-1927
Sara Replogle, 1919-1925
F. M. Hollenberg, 1920-1927
Nora Reber Hollenberg, 1920-1927
J. Elmer Wagoner, 1920-1930
Ellen Heckman Wagoner Forney, 1920-1931
Andrew G. Butterbaugh, 1920-1928
Bertha Lehman Butterbaugh, 1920-1929
Chalmer G. Shull, 1920—
Mary Speicher Shull, 1920-1935
Susan Stoner Shull, 1927—
Anna Brumbaugh, 1920-1934
Verna Blickenstaff, 1920-1949
Benjamin Summer, 1920-1927
Nettie Brown Summer, 1920-1927
Arthur S. B. Miller, 1920-1936
Jennie Blough Miller, 1920-1932
Mae Wolf Miller, 1922-1936
Lynn A. Blickenstaff, 1920-1948
Mary Brubaker Blickenstaff, 1920-1949
Elsie Shickel, 1921—
I. W. Moomaw, 1923-1942
Mabel Winger Moomaw, 1923-1942

Baxter M. Mow, 1923-1940
Anna Beahm Mow, 1923-1940
Beulah Woods Miller, 1924-1929
Harlan J. Brooks, 1924—
Ruth Forney Brooks, 1924—
Dr. Ida Metzger, 1925-1931
Ethel Roop, 1926-1929
Dr. John W. Fox, 1929-1935
Besse King Fox, 1929-1935
Emma K. Ziegler, 1930—
Amsey F. Bollinger, 1930—
Florence Moyer Bollinger, 1930—
Ruth L. Glessner Barnes, 1931-1936
Anna M. Warstler, 1931—
Edward K. Ziegler, 1931-1939
Ilda Bittinger Ziegler, 1931-1939
Hazel Messer, 1931—
Ralph Townsend, 1937-1940
Kathryn Kiracofe, 1937—
Wm. G. Kinzie, 1937-1945; 1948-1952
Pauline Garst Kinzie, 1937-1945; 1948-1952
Earl M. Zigler, 1937—
Rachel Myers Zigler, 1937—
Joe Bowers, 1940-1946
Dr. Leonard E. Blickenstaff, 1940—
Betty Rogers Blickenstaff, 1940—
Everett Fasnacht, 1940-1948; 1951—
Joy Cullen Fasnacht, 1940-1948; 1951—
Dorothy M. Brown Dennison, 1945-1954
Ernest M. Shull, 1946—
Lois Netzley Shull, 1946—
Clyde L. Carter, 1946-1951
Eleanor Snare Carter, 1946-1951
Laura Sewell, 1948—
Olive Wise, 1948—
H. Spenser Minnich, 1949-1950
Eva Shepfer Minnich, 1949-1950
Mabel G. Claypool, 1951—
George E. Mason, 1951—
Rae Hungerford Mason, 1951—
Grace L. Eshelman, 1951-1954.
Dr. Paul Stayer Hoover, 1951—
Mary Elizabeth Wentsler Hoover, 1951—
Louise Miller Sayre, 1952—
Wendell P. Flory, 1952—
Marie Mason Flory, 1952—
M. Paul Dennison, 1952-1954
Glen A. Campbell, 1952—
Betty Jeanne Brooks Campbell, 1952—
Kenneth E. McDowell, 1953—
Edythe Bowman McDowell, 1953—
Joseph J. Schechter, 1954—
Virginia B. Schechter, 1954—

China

Frank H. Crumpacker, 1908-1949
Anna Newland Crumpacker, 1908-1949
Emma Horning, 1908-1937
George W. Hilton, 1908-1913
Blanche Cover Hilton, 1908-1913
Minerva Metzger, 1910-1941
Benjamin F. Heckman, 1911-1913
Minna Mote Heckman, 1911-1913
J. Homer Bright, 1911-1940
Minnie Flory Bright, 1911-1940
Anna Hutchison, 1911-1941
Winnie Cripe, 1911-1934
Anna V. Blough, 1913-1922
Dr. Fred J. Wampler, 1913-1926
Rebecca Skeggs Wampler, 1913-1926
Dr. O. G. Brubaker, 1913-1920
Cora Cripe Brubaker, 1913-1920
Ernest Vaniman, 1913-1927
Susie Neher Vaniman, 1913-1927
Raymond C. Flory, 1914-1927
Lizzie Neher Flory, 1914-1927
Nettie Senger, 1916-1939
Bessie Rider Harley, 1916-1922
Laura Shock, 1916-1941
I. E. Oberholtzer, 1916-1938
Elizabeth Weybright Oberholtzer, 1916-1937
Byron M. Flory, 1917-1932
Nora Phillips Flory, 1917-1932
Norman A. Seese, 1917-1928
Anna Bowman Seese, 1917-1928
Walter J. Heisey, 1917-1931
Sue Rinehart Heisey, 1917-1931
Edna Flory, 1917-1932
Myrtle Pollock, 1917-1940

Mary Schaeffer, 1917-1950
V. Grace Clapper, 1917-1943
Samuel B. Bowman, 1918-1925
Pearl Stauffer Bowman, 1918-1925
Ernest M. Wampler, 1918-1950
Vida Miller Wampler, 1918-1922
Elizabeth Baker Wampler, 1922-1950
Dr. D. L. Horning, 1919-1927
Martha Daggett Horning, 1919-1927
Valley V. Miller Diehl, 1919-1924
Minor M. Myers, 1919-1943
Sara Zigler Myers, 1919-1941
L. A. Stump, 1919-1920
Alpha Niswander Stump, 1919-1920
O. C. Sollenberger, 1919-1949
Hazel Coppock Sollenberger, 1919-1937
Mary Cline, 1920-1927
W. Harlan Smith, 1920-1941
Frances Sheller Smith, 1920-1941
Miles G. Blickenstaff, 1921-1923
Irma McGaffey Blickenstaff, 1921-1923
Dr. Carl Coffman, 1921-1928
Ferne Heagley Coffman, 1921-1925
Lulu Ullom Coffman, 1919-1928
E. L. Ikenberry, 1922-1951
Olivia Dickens Ikenberry, 1922-1951
Ada V. Dunning Hollenberg, 1922-1927
Leland S. Brubaker, 1924-1927
Marie Woody Brubaker, 1924-1927
Minneva Neher, 1924-1937
Esther Kreps, 1924-1926
Ruth F. Ulery, 1926-1930
Corda Wertz Krieger, 1932-1941
Dr. Daryl M. Parker, 1933-1940; 1946-1949
Martha Neiderhiser Parker, 1933-1940; 1946-1949
Alva Harsh, 1936-1937
Mary Hykes Harsh, 1936-1937
Mary Gauntz Cummings, 1936-1938
Mary Velma Ober, 1936-1946
Dr. E. Lloyd Cunningham, 1938-1949
Ellen Edmister Cunningham, 1938-1949
Hazel Rothrock, 1938-1949
Susie Thomas, 1939-1945
Rolland C. Flory, 1940-1950
Josephine Keever Flory, 1940-1950
Edward T. Angeny, 1940-1945
Helen Buehl Angeny, 1940-1945
Bessie Crim, 1940-1950
Wendell P. Flory, 1946-1949
Marie Mason Flory, 1947-1949
John W. Detrick, 1946-1951
Andrew H. Holderreed, 1947-1949
Louise Garber Holderreed, 1947-1949
Earl M. Snader, 1947-1948
Delores Hartman Snader, 1947-1948
Grace L. Eshelman, 1947-1949
George E. Mason, 1947-1949
Rae Hungerford Mason, 1947-1949
J. Calvin Bright, 1947-1951
Harriet Howard Bright, 1947-1950

Nigeria, West Africa

Albert D. Helser, 1922-1936
Lola Bechtel Helser, 1922-1936
H. Stover Kulp, 1922—
Ruth Royer Kulp, 1922-1924
Christina Masterton Kulp, 1927-1952
Dr. Homer L. Burke, 1923-1938
Marguerite Schrock Burke, 1923-1938
Floyd E. Mallott, 1924-1927
Ruth Blocher Mallott, 1924-1926
William M. Beahm, 1924-1937
Esther Eisenbise Beahm, 1924-1937
Clarence C. Heckman, 1924—
Lucile Gibson Heckman, 1924—
Earl W. Flohr, 1926-1929
Ella Miller Flohr, 1926-1929
Dr. J. Paul Gibbel, 1926-1929
Verda Hershberger Gibbel, 1926-1929
Sara Shisler, 1926-1931; 1939—
Clara Harper, 1926—
Dr. Russell Robertson, 1926-1931
Bertha Cecil Robertson, 1926-1931
Paul Rupel, 1929-1933
Naomi Zigler Rupel, 1929-1933
Elnora Schechter Clingan, 1929-1934
Ruth Utz, 1930—
Harold R. Royer, 1930-1950; 1954—
Gladys Hawbaker Royer, 1930-1950; 1954—

Evelyn Horn, 1930-1951
Desmond W. Bittinger, 1930-1938
Irene Frantz Bittinger, 1930-1938
Edna Faye Moyer, 1931-1945
Dr. Howard A. Bosler, 1931-1940; 1944-1950
Edith Gump Bosler, 1931-1940; 1944-1950
Dorothy Inman, 1933-1934
Dr. Lloyd R. Studebaker, 1934-1951
Modena Minnich Studebaker, 1934-1951
Mary Alice Engel, 1937-1942
Grayce Brumbaugh, 1937—
Herman B. Landis, 1938-1952
Hazel Minnich Landis, 1938-1952
Evelyn Frank, 1938-1940
Ira S. Petre, 1939—
Mary Guyton Petre, 1939—
E. Paul Weaver, 1939-1945
Zalma Faw Weaver, 1939-1945
Chalmer E. Faw, 1939-1946
Mary Platt Faw, 1939-1946
Sylvia Oiness, 1941-1942
Mary N. Dadisman, 1941—
Lena M. Wirth, 1944—
Elmer R. Baldwin, 1944—
Ferne Strohm Baldwin, 1944—
John B. Grimley, 1945—
Mildred Hess Grimley, 1945—
Ivan Eikenberry, 1945—
Mary Flora Eikenberry, 1945—
Dr. Roy E. Pfaltzgraff, 1945—
Violet Hackman Pfaltzgraff, 1945—
Richard A. Burger, 1945-1952
Ann Witmore Burger, 1945-1952
Velva Jane Dick, 1945—
James B. Bowman, 1946—
Merle Allen Bowman, 1946—
Clara B. Myer, 1946—
Lyle C. Albright, 1946-1947
Rowena Wampler Albright, 1946-1947
Claude M. Rupel, 1946-1951
Marie Pobst Rupel, 1946-1951
Wayne L. Parris, 1947-1950
Melba Burger Parris, 1947-1950
Herbert D. Michael, 1948—
Marianne Krueger Michael, 1948—
Veda C. Liskey, 1948—
Rosemary Holderreed, 1948-1950
Lawrence A. Clark, 1948-1952
Ruth Clark Clark, 1948-1952
Jacob C. Wine, 1949—
Emma Jean Weaver Wine, 1949—
Wilma Schrag, 1950—
Charles W. Lunkley, 1950—
Rozella Welsh Lunkley, 1950—
Charles M. Bieber, 1950—
Mary Elizabeth High Bieber, 1950—
Hazel Rothrock, 1951—
Dr. Paul W. Petcher, 1951—
Esther Wilson Petcher, 1951—
Florence S. Miller, 1951—
Mary Velma Ober, 1952—
Dr. Merlin L. Brubaker, 1952—
Pauline Louise Hylton Brubaker, 1952—
Dulcie L. Cover, 1952—
Robert H. McKay, 1952—
Charlotte Swadley McKay, 1952
Robert P. Bischof, 1952—
Beatrice King Bischof, 1952—
Monroe C. Good, 1952—
Ada Zeigler Good, 1952—
Janet King, 1952—
Charles L. Baldwin, 1953—
Naomi Roller Baldwin, 1953—
Robert A. Hess, 1953—
Anna Mary Hawthorne Hess, 1953—
Dr. John L. Hamer, 1953—
Esther Rinehart Hamer, 1953—
Marvin E. Blough, 1954—
Dorris Murdoch Blough, 1954—
Gerald A. Neher, 1954—
Lois Yoder Neher, 1954—
Irven F. Stern, 1954
Pattie Bittinger Stern, 1954

South China

Elgin S. Moyer, 1916-1918
Lela Sellers Moyer, 1916-1918
Martha Shick, 1916-1931
Moy Gwong, 1920-1950
Elizabeth Arnold, 1920-1925
Albert R. Smith, 1923-1924
Verona Kreider Smith, 1923-1924
Elizabeth Postma, 1926-1931

Ecuador, South America

J. Benton Rhoades, 1946—
Ruby Frantz Rhoades, 1946—
Claude E. Wolfe, 1948-1951
June Heestand Wolfe, 1948-1951
Galen W. Wolfe, 1951-1954
Mirna Belle Flory Wolfe, 1951-1954
Rolland C. Flory, 1951—
Josephine Keever Flory, 1951—
Leanna Faye Koontz, 1953—

Scandinavia

Christian Hope, 1876-1898
Mary Neilson Hope, 1876-1886
Enoch Eby, 1877-1878
Annie Eby, 1877-1878
Daniel Fry, 1877-1878
Julia Ann Fry, 1877-1878
A. W. Vaniman, 1901-1905
Alice Moore Vaniman, 1901-1905
J. F. Graybill, 1911-1942
Alice Hoffer Graybill, 1911-1942
Ida Buckingham, 1913-1929
A. F. Wine, 1913-1917
Attie Cline Wine, 1913-1917
W. A. Glasmire, 1919-1924
Leah Shaeffer Glasmire, 1919-1924
Niels Esbensen, 1920-1924; 1945-1947
Christine Bendsen Esbensen, 1920-1924; 1945-1947
Glen E. Norris, 1929-1934
Lois Detwiler Norris, 1929-1934

Asia Minor and France

Gaston J. Ferkin, 1895-1899; 1899-1906
Phebe Ferkin, 1895-1899; 1899-1906
L. A. Pellet, 1904-1906
Elizabeth Pellett, 1904-1906
Paul Mohler, 1911-1912
Lucy Leatherman Mohler, 1911-1912

Names of Deceased Missionaries

Date of Death *Died on Field

India

Charles Brubaker, October 20, 1910*
Samuel N. McCann, August 24, 1917
Elizabeth Gibbel McCann, June 18, 1944
Mary N. Quinter, January 14, 1914*
Rosa W. Kaylor, October 29, 1917*
Nora A. Lichty, December 12, 1918
Steven Berkebile, September 13, 1919
Nora Berkebile, June 23, 1924
Gertrude Emmert, November 7, 1924
Jesse B. Emmert, April 8, 1933
Amos W. Ross, May 31, 1926
Andrew G. Butterbaugh, October 25, 1928*
Bertha Lehman Butterbaugh, February 20, 1931
J. Elmer Wagoner, November 22, 1930*
Wilbur B. Stover, October 31, 1930
Jennie Blough Miller, March 18, 1932*
Mary Speicher Shull, August 15, 1935*
Anna Shull Forney, April 13, 1938
Adam Ebey, September 11, 1939
Ida Himmelsbaugh, March 26, 1943
Ida C. Shumaker, February 16, 1946*
Elizabeth Kintner, June 5, 1947
D. L. Forney, April 29, 1947
Ellen Heckman Forney, November 21, 1947
Andrew T. Hoffert, June 25, 1948

Hattie Z. Miller Alley, November 1949
Dr. John W. Fox, March 21, 1950*
Anna Detweiler Blough, December 2, 1950
Dr. Laura Murphy Cottrell, October 28, 1951
B. Mary Royer, December 6, 1951
Kathryn Ziegler, January 28, 1952
Ina Marshburn Kaylor, June 11, 1952
S. Ira Arnold, March 27, 1953
Bertha Ryan Shirk, September 7, 1953
Sadie J. Miller, April 27, 1954
Josephine Powell, October 3, 1954

China

Benjamin F. Heckman, January 14, 1913*
Ferne Heagley Coffman, August 8, 1925*
Lulu Ullom Coffman, August 30, 1928*
Anna V. Blough, May 9, 1922*
Vida Wampler, October 6, 1926
Winnie Cripe, December 1, 1934*
Emma Horning, February 11, 1937*
Minneva Neher, December 2, 1937*
Alva Harsh, December 2, 1937*
Mary Hykes Harsh, December 2, 1937*
Myrtle Pollock, January 2, 1940*
Pearl Stauffer Bowman, November 7, 1938
Edna Flory, November 25, 1940
Minerva Metzger, December 6, 1941
Sara Zigler Myers, May 29, 1948
George W. Hilton, December 18, 1949
Moy Gwong, March 10, 1950*
Frank H. Crumpacker, December 20, 1951
Anna Bowman Seese, May 2, 1954

Nigeria, West Africa

Ruth Royer Kulp, June 15, 1924*
Dr. Russell L. Robertson, October 31, 1931*
Evelyn Frank, July 26, 1948
Christina Masterton Kulp, December 1, 1952*

Scandinavia

Christian Hope, July 31, 1899
Mary Neilson Hope, February 25, 1931
Enoch Eby, April 29, 1910
Annie Eby, 1906
Daniel Fry, December 9, 1881
Julia Ann Fry, 1893
Albert W. Vaniman, March 14, 1908
Alice Moore Vaniman, July 21, 1929
Alonzo F. Wine, November 10, 1931
Alice Hoffer Graybill, January 19, 1952

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